50 dead, 41 injured, 5 missing as rains persist

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I STEAL HEARTS!

Jude Law no law-breaker

BUCHAREST, Romania—He would have made a handsome car thief.

Hollywood actor Jude Law got an unexpected earful this week at the Bucharest airport when a

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Teacher awarded for trying to save eagle

By Charlie C. Señase
PDI Mindanao Bureau

KORONADAL CITY—A public school teacher in Sultan Kudarat recently became the recipient of a wildlife conservation award for attempting to save a wounded Philippine Eagle.

The Philippine Eagle, the country's

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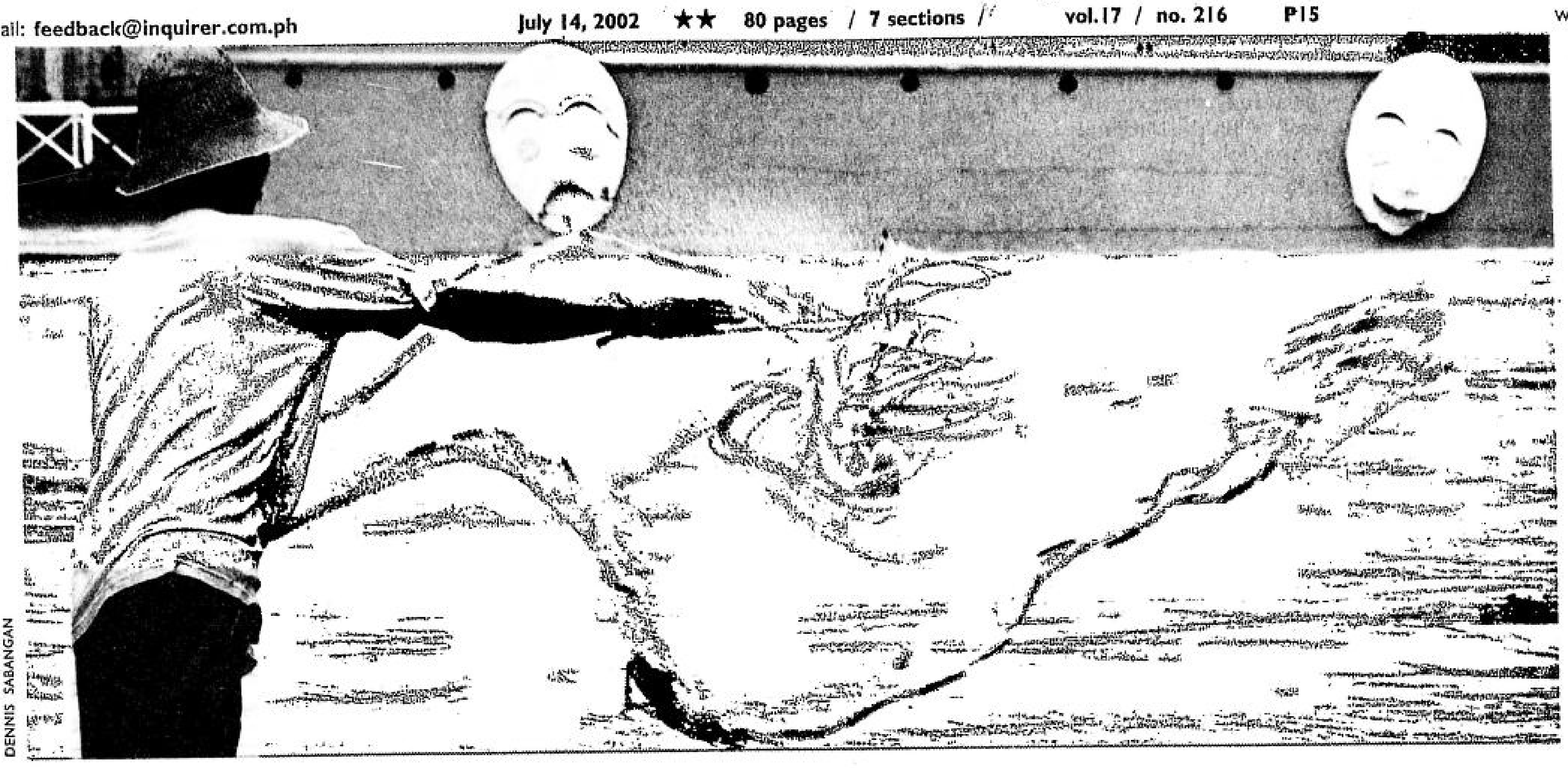
DENNIS SABANGAN

CATCH A FALLING RAINDROP Fish in the ocean, eels in the sea . . . what was there in Marikina's floodwaters yesterday that this man was sure he'd catch? Major thoroughfares have gone underwater following non-stop downpours that have left 50 people dead, thousands homeless, but not everyone without hope. *(Story on page A2.)*

GMA may go to Copa Mass

Romulo holding conciliatory talks with civil society members

By Fe Zamora
INQ7.net
and Cynthia D. Balana

RECONCILIATION may be at hand.

Moves have begun on both sides to get the feuding parties—President Macapagal-Arroyo and certain civil society groups, particularly the Council for Philippine Affairs (Copa)—to dialogue and patch up their differences, the INQUIRER learned yesterday from highly reliable sources.

For starters, Copa through the initiative of Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas, has invited Ms Macapagal to its scheduled Mass at the Edsa Shrine tomorrow, if only to prove to her that it has no intention of turning the assembly into an anti-administration prayer rally.

Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo has begun talks on behalf of the President with Patricia Sison, Copa founding member, according to the INQUIRER sources. They also said that Sison has been meeting with Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman.

"We would love to have her come. It would be an honor," said Sison. "It's an invitation to come together before the table of the Lord. And the public can heave a sigh of relief if we are together," she added.

Aside from Vice President Teofisto Guingona, former President Cory Aquino has also been invited to attend the Mass to be said by Villegas at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

Copa secretary general Pastor "Boy" Saycon had told the INQUIRER that the Mass was meant "to reflect" on Edsa I and Edsa II and "we will remain in the path of the ideas and principles of Edsa."

But the more militant members of civil society urged yesterday that the "day of reflection" should be turned into "a full-blown anti-Macapagal gathering."

On Friday, Villegas offered to initiate a dialogue between the President and grumbling members of civil society groups.

"We cannot progress without unity," said Villegas who's also the rector of the Edsa Shrine.

Opposition Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta yesterday wanted the Catholic Church to include

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SHINA Dimaculangan, 15, running for Sangguniang Kabataan chair of Barangay Bagong Pagasa in Quezon City's first district, campaigns like a pro in North Triangle San Roque 2 where she's mobbed by her non-voting constituents. VAL HANDUMON

This candidate not for adult politics

Youthful SK bets plan to make life worth living

By Juliet L. Javellana

THE FATHER of this Sangguniang Kabataan hopeful thinks Philippine politics is "dirty," but her mother is convinced that her candidacy is fine because it's "*pambata* (for children)."

And 15-year-old Shina Dimaculangan, candidate for SK chair of Barangay Bagong Pagasa in Quezon City's first district, has taken to the milieu like a duck to water.

On a rainy Friday, the eve of the last campaign day for tomorrow's barangay and SK elections, the high school senior at Our Lord's Grace Montessori is up earlier than usual. But she has been excused from classes at the expensive private school on Commonwealth Avenue because she and her seven SK *kagawad* candidates have to hit the hustings.

Already, the four-story partly commercial building along Road 2 that Shina's mother Myrna owns is abuzz with the teenager's fellow candidates, relatives and adult family friends comprising her campaign staff.

Long-haired Shina, 5'2 and wearing braces, is dressed in what she calls her *pangbaha* (flood) attire: peasant blouse, elephant denims and three-inch-heeled shoes. A small handbag carrying her cell phone and an orange campaign blazer emblazoned with her name complete her get-up.

Eight days on the campaign trail made difficult by Typhoon "Gloria" have apparently primed this first-time candidate to move like a seasoned politician.

She flashes a smile and offers a handshake to newcomers in her "war room"—an open-air penthouse. When four teenagers arrive to meet her for the first time, she gracefully pulls some chairs, invites them to sit, and engages her potential voters with campaign-related ice-breakers.

"When I went to San Roque, the small children gathered around me and embraced me," she tells her visitors in Filipino.

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Comelec: Stop polls in flooded places

By Armand N. Nocum and PDI Bureaus

THE FLOODS have forced the Commission on Elections to suspend tomorrow's barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan polls in certain areas.

"There's water everywhere in Metro Manila and Luzon. We have to suspend the elections in areas where people cannot go out to vote," Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos said in a phone interview with the INQUIRER.

These areas include towns in Pampanga such as Lubao, where President Macapagal-Arroyo is scheduled to vote, and Guagua, Sasmuan and Candaba, and 34 barangays in San Fernando City and Mexico town.

Elsewhere in Luzon, the areas include 153 barangays in the Ilocos Region; 15, Bulacan; 12, Tarlac; and certain barangays

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Cable car gets produce from farm to market in 15 minutes

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

TALISAY CITY, Negros Occidental—Consider what the upland farmers had to go through just to bring their produce to the market.

They had to carry their load down steep slopes, cross a river, and then climb a treacherous path to get to their destination.

"By the time we got across, many of our vegetables looked withered," said farmer Edelinda Ledona, 63.

Now, there's a cable car running in the hinterland village of Cabatangan about 18 kilometers north of Bacolod City, and

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HAY, INDAY ANG LUPIT NG HAMBALOS MO!

50 DEAD, 41 INJURED, 5 MISSING

Death toll rises as rains don't stop

By TJ Burgonio, Gerald G. Lacuarta and Leila Salaverria

MONSOON rains, exacerbated by typhoon "Inday," pounded metropolitan Manila and other parts of the country yesterday, bringing the death toll from rains and floods in the past week to 50, the National Disaster Coordinating Council said yesterday. *(See photos on page A18.)*

Five more people were reported to have died in Pangasinan province yesterday, bringing the total number of fatalities to 50 with 41 injured and five missing, the NDCC said.

The NDCC also reported that the number of missing persons has increased from four to five.

Although the rains slackened in the middle of the week after typhoons "Gloria" and "Hambalos" moved away from the country, the downpour intensified on Friday as Inday neared.

A total of 9,885 people, or 1,986 families, have been evacuated from their homes to 74 evacuation centers. In some cases, people who recently returned to their houses had to flee again as the rains returned in fury.

Some 1,366,618 people, or 296,693 families, living in 165 municipalities and 26 cities in at least five regions of the country have been affected by the inclement weather, the NDCC said.

Not over

Several major roads in Metro Manila were flooded with waters reaching neck-high, the NDCC said.

Total damage from a week of rain so far has been estimated at more than P369 million.

And the worst may not be over yet, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said.

Typhoon Inday (international name "Halong") will sustain the heavy rains brought by the southwest monsoon as it moves closer to Northern Luzon on its way to Taiwan and Okinawa, Pagasa said.

"Expect heavy rains to prevail until Monday," Leoncio Amadore, the Pagasa chief, told a forum at the Sulo Hotel yesterday.

In the same forum, the Greenpeace environmental group warned that more frequent storms, rising sea levels and floods were just some of the likely impacts of global warming.

Global warming refers to the rise in the earth's temperature resulting from an increase in heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, the great majority of which is composed of carbon dioxide.

Climate change

"Scientists are no longer talking about whether or not climate change is happening or not. It is already happening," said Red Constantino, climate and energy campaigner for Greenpeace.

The weather bureau said typhoon Inday was moving northwest from Guam at 22 kph. It was forecast to be 890 km northeast of Aparri, Cagayan, or 690 km northeast of Basco, Batanes, this evening.

The Pagasa forecast said moderate to heavy monsoon rains would be experienced over Luzon and Western Visayas, particularly in Metro Manila, the Ilocos region, Pangasinan, the Cordillera, Southern Tagalog, and the lahar-affected areas of Central Luzon.

The public works department has warned that several anti-lahar dikes and flood-control systems in Pampanga and Zambales needed to be immediately repaired.

"Most of these are in danger of collapsing due to rainfall erosion," the DPWH reported.

Metro Manila

Of the 50 dead, five were in Metro Manila, 11 in Ilocos, 11 in Central Luzon, 17 in Southern Tagalog, one each in the Cordillera region and Central Mindanao, and four in Western Visayas.

They included three South Koreans who drowned and two who are still missing after a boat accident off Batangas on July 7, just after the heavy rains began.

The 41 injured included 21 other Koreans from the Batangas boat accident.

Yesterday's casualties were Alegria Aquino of San Carlos City; Carlito Navarro of Dagupan City; Rojun Millora and Welsey Balicuat, both of Infanta, Pangasinan; and Romeo Imburnal of San Fabian, Pangasinan.

Aquino, 73; Navarro, 54; and Millora, 27, were electrocuted while Imburnal, 40, and Balicuat, 34, drowned.

A man, Ariel Generalao of San Fabian, Pangasinan, went missing yesterday, but the circumstances of his disappearance were not known.

Boat mishap

Another accident occurred yesterday in the same area where the motorboat with the South Koreans capsized on July 7.

One person died while 75 others were rescued yesterday after a boat, the MB Jupiter II, sank in the waters off Batangas province.

The boat, carrying about 70 passengers and six crewmen from a resort town in Mindoro island to Batangas province, hit a floating piece of debris and began taking in water, Coast Guard spokespersons said.

A passing vessel, the MV Starlight Pacific, rescued those aboard the stricken boat.

However, one of those rescued, a 60-year-old woman suffered a heart attack due to shock and died after being rushed to the hospital.

Floodwaters rose anew in Metro Manila, stranding hundreds of commuters on Friday night and making several streets impassable to vehicles yesterday.

Chest-high

By 11 a.m. yesterday, several roadways registered waters knee-deep to chest-high.

In Quezon City, 30 passengers had to be rescued by Metro Manila Development Authority workers after the bus they were riding in stalled in floodwaters 10 to 15 feet high.

Rising waters caused the bus, which was on its way to Bulacan, to stall at the corner of Araneta Avenue and Maria Clara Street late Friday.

Passengers scrambled to the roof of the bus from where they waited for MMDA rescuers who arrived on a pump boat.

Heavy rains and the high tide in Manila Bay once again inundated most parts of Northern Metro Manila, particularly the Camanava (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela) area.

Most parts of Quezon City were under water, including portions of Araneta Avenue, Quezon Avenue, Roxas District, Kamias and Kalayaan Avenue, and Tatalon. ***With reports from Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, Tonette Orejas, Carmela Reyes and Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk, and AFP***

Even the devil quotes Bible, militants say

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

"EVEN the devil quotes Scripture."

With that, militant leader Teodoro Casiño reminded President Macapagal-Arroyo that "not even Biblical verses could cover up the fact (of her) shocking compromise with the unapologetic henchmen of the ousted (Joseph) Estrada."

"The mere idea of recruiting the likes of (Sen. Blas) Ople, the Puno brothers (Ronaldo and Ricardo) and Jimpol (Jimmy Policarpio) smacks of crass political opportunism, a clear assault on the people's aspirations for the new politics of social change, justice and principles," Casiño said.

Casiño is secretary general of the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan.

On Friday, Ms Macapagal's had said that she was the "President of Edsa II and III."

Quoting from the Bible, she said that even Jesus Christ had recruited Matthew, a tax collector, who later became a devotee.

"The people sought justice and good governance during Edsa II," Casiño said, ``Recruiting these shadowy characters who have kept their loyalties to the corrupt Estrada is simply a betrayal."

Ople, Policarpio and the Punos are closely identified with ousted President Joseph Estrada. Policarpio and the Punos, in particular, stuck with the disgraced ex-president through his travails and appear to have been tainted by his administration's excesses and failings.

Casiño said Bayan will join Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. and the Council on Philippine Affairs (Copa) in a mass commemorating People Power II at the Edsa Shrine on July 15.

"The Monday activity, although in the form of a Mass, is full of political meaning. It is a political statement about how the people's sacrifices during Edsa II are being squandered by the GMA administration," Casiño said.

Pamalakaya, another militant group, asked Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines withdraw Church support for the administration.

"Ms Macapagal's administration is a hopeless case. We hope Cardinal Sin and the clergy would drop the President like a hot potato for betraying the gains and spirit of People Power II," the fisherfolk group said in a statement. ***With Franklin Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

No job for Guingona after DFA–Palace

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is not thinking of any new government position for Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., who stepped down as foreign secretary last Friday over "honest differences of opinion" on foreign policy.

"At this point there has been no offer of any position or any concession made by the President," said Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. in a phone interview yesterday.

Afable said earlier Ms Macapagal would assume "indefinitely" the job of foreign secretary.

She has not indicated when she will appoint a replacement for Guingona.

At a meeting with INQUIRER editors last week, the President said she thought the job of "Mindanao czar" would suit Guingona as he is from the region.

It was not clear if the position had been offered to Guingona or if it was, if he had accepted.

Malacañang and Guingona both claim the offer was never made.

During his farewell press conference last Friday, Guingona said he would not accept a new Cabinet post after angrily denying that he had asked for political concessions in exchange for his resignation.

"I deny I sought any position in the wake of my resignation. I deny that I want to be the Mindanao czar. There is no such position and I will not accept the position even if it comes with or without a budget," he said.

Afable denied yesterday that the President had offered such a post to Guingona or that the Vice President had sought it. ***Dona Pazzibugan***

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Colin Powell to visit RP, 7 Asian nations

UNITED States Secretary of State Colin Powell will visit eight Asian nations, including the Philippines, later this month, the State Department said Friday, in a trip that will highlight the impact on the region of the Sept. 11 attacks and Islamic militancy.

Powell will depart the US on July 26 and visit India, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines, his final stop, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. The trip ends on Aug. 3, Boucher said.

Bombings this year in the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia, and the discovery in Singapore and Malaysia of militants suspected of links to Saudi-born militant Osama bin Laden, had raised fears the region could become a stage for the US war on terrorism.

Powell's stop in the Philippines will be seen as a pat on the back for Manila's help in fighting Abu Sayyaf guerrillas who also have alleged connections with Bin Laden, the man accused by the United States of masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks that killed about 3,000 people.

Analysts say crackdowns in Malaysia and Singapore have made Thailand a popular destination for militants. A top US official said in May that al-Qaida, Bin Laden's guerrilla network, had established a toehold in Indonesia, the world's most-populous Muslim nation.

Singapore has won praise from the United States for arresting militants, including some who allegedly plotted to bomb American targets in the city state.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said on Monday he was outraged by recent Thai intelligence reports that al-Qaida members were hiding in the south of his country.

Powell said on Tuesday he would go to India and Pakistan to try to keep a lid on tensions over the disputed region of Kashmir that almost erupted in war this year. The order of stops in both countries on July 27 and 28 has not yet been set.

Powell's visit is organized around the annual gathering of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) on July 31 and Aug. 1 in Brunei.

Powell arrives in Bangkok on July 28, travels to Kuala Lumpur the following day, visits Singapore on July 30 and goes on to Jakarta from Brunei on Aug. 2 before heading to Manila and then home. ***Reuters***

4 soldiers hurt in clash with MILF

COTABATO CITY--Moro rebels, backed by a notorious kidnap group, ambushed soldiers and militiamen patrolling a village in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on Friday, the military said yesterday.

Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said four government combatants were injured during the ambush.

They were SSgt. Desiderio Pamplona, SSgt. Ronelo Diccio, Pfc. Presco Caneco and militiaman Duma Guiani.

Ando said soldiers from the 37th and the 47th infantry battalions were conducting a "routine security patrol" in Sitio Gubat, Barangay Baka, when they were fired upon by some 30 heavily armed members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Pentagon kidnap gang under Commander Sammy Tilaka. ***Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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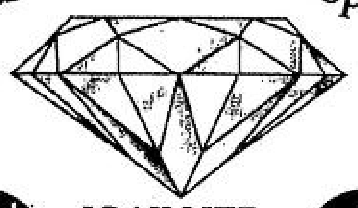

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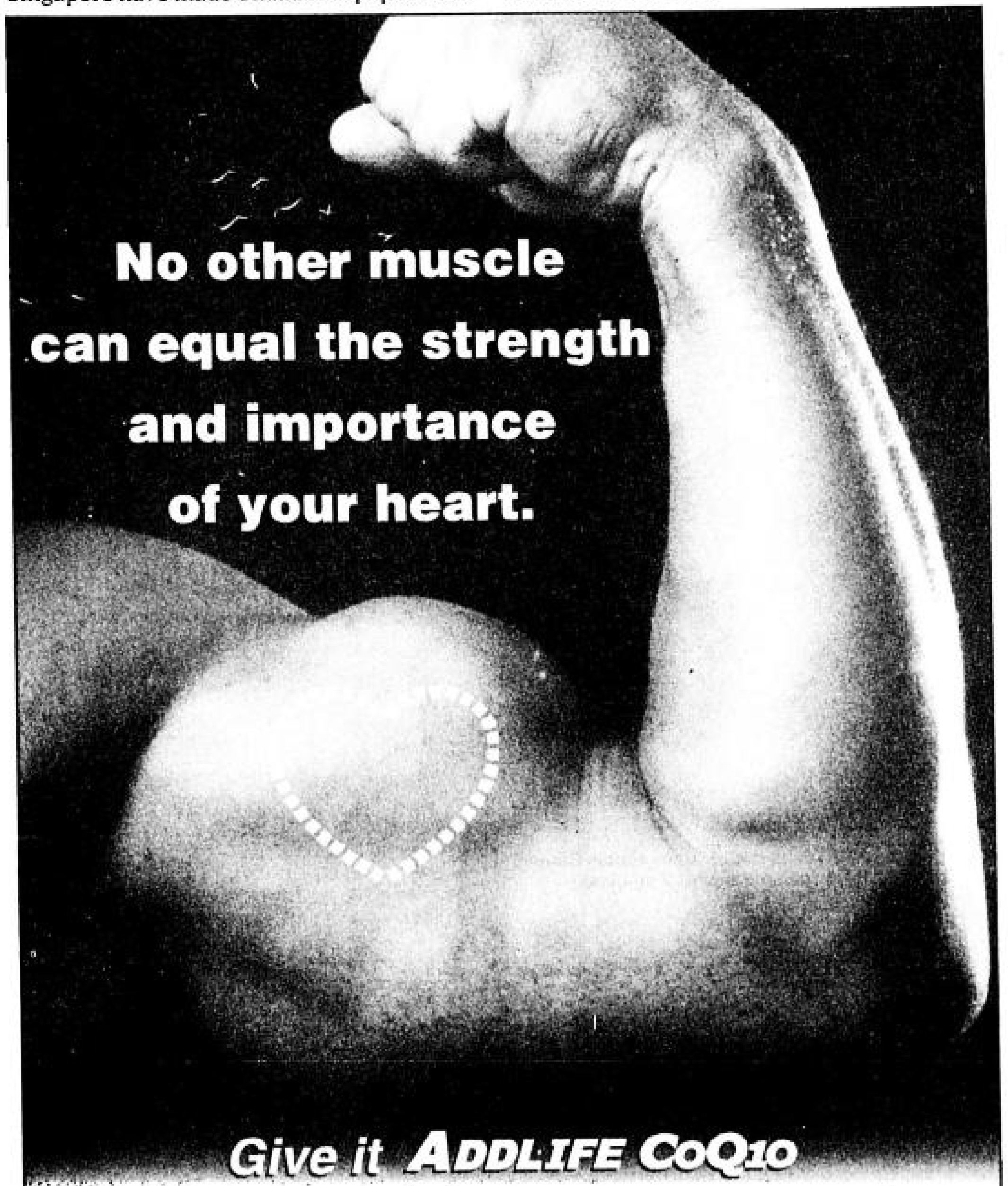
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HONG KONG—More than 50 percent of Filipinos have confessed to indulging in unhygienic habits in public, with over half admitting to being spitters, although the Taiwanese are Asia's champion nose pickers, according to a survey released yesterday.

In spite of the foul habits that included trimming nails in public and coughing without covering their mouths, the majority of those polled agreed that the practices were not publicly acceptable and posed a health hazard, according to the survey by Asia Market Intelligence which covered six Asian countries.

The survey found that 51 percent of Filipinos admitted to indulging in at least one unhygienic habit, compared to 42 percent in Indonesia, 41 percent in both Malaysia and Taiwan, and 38 percent in Hong Kong.

Surprisingly, the poll found that mainland Chinese were the least likely to engage in the habits with only 21 percent admitting guilt.

Some 26.5 percent of Filipinos confessed to spitting in public compared to 23 percent in Indonesia and 19.7 percent in Malaysia, while 20.5 percent of Taiwanese admitted to picking their nose in public, well ahead of second-placed Hong Kong with 15.2 percent.

Spitting in public is now an offense under the new Hong Kong anti-litter law and offenders are subject to a HK$600 (US$77) fine. There are no laws against the other bad habits.

Hong Kong Medical Association president Dr Lo Wing-lok said spitting increased the risk of spreading tuberculosis, while nose-picking could spread a common form of bacteria responsible for skin infections.

"If a food handler has his finger in his nose and then prepares a salad or sandwich, those bacteria will have the chance to grow and generate toxins which could cause violent food poisoning," he told the South China Morning Post newspaper.

Nail clippings are responsible for spreading highly infectious fungal spores that can mass under dirty nails.

Asia Market Intelligence group director Tim Balbirnie said most of the habits were undertaken subconsciously and the survey found the offenders were spread evenly across age groups.

The survey polled a total of 5,929 people aged 15 to 64 from Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. *AFP*

Censors go after 'Powerpuff' cartoons

By A. Nocum

AS if having to deal with their monkey arch enemy, Mojojojo, was not enough, the cartoon heroines, the Powerpuff Girls, have made a new foe—the women censors of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

The women who make up the Catholic Initiative for Enlightened Movie Appreciation (Cinema) said in a recent review that "Powerpuff Girls, The Movie" has a "threatening feel" that could "make the young audience feel anxiety."

"There is a situation of violent acts carried out with a fierce vengeance by Bubbles, Blossom and Buttercup," said Cinema, which is under the Office on Women of the CBCP.

"The super-powered three go through their motions—at play or at work—with such big eyes shooting destructive lasers and at such frenzied speed, damaging anything in their way, that make them seem scary at times, especially in a darkened moviehouse," Cinema said.

With such disturbing scenes, Cinema questioned the kind of ideas that the popular trio's first movie would transmit to young minds.

"Could right and wrong or good and bad be affected by regular and continued viewing of movies and television containing such scenes?" the religious censors group asked.

Cinema has rated the movie morally "disturbing" and technically "above average."

The movie tells of how Professor Utanium created the heroines from "sugar, spice and everything nice" for the people of Townsville which was being beset by crime.

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7	Lot 3, Block 20, Area "B" Queens Row Subd., Bacoor, Cavite	T-225103	220	508,376.00
8	Lot 2, Block 21, Area "B" Queens Row Subd., Bacoor, Cavite	T-234515	297	725,700.00
	LOT ONLY			
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10	Lot 1, Block 6 GSIS Hills Subdivision Caloocan City	93726	431	1,293,000.00
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12	Lot 8, Block 4 Rosemoor Subd., San Miguel, Bulacan	211071	218	261,600.00
13	Lot 12, Block 5 Rosemoor Subd., San Miguel, Bulacan	211097	180	216,000.00
14	Lot 4 Bo. Cupang, Antipolo City	439649	206,164	37,109,520.00
15	Lot 6, Block 1 Vista Nila Homes, Parang, Marikina	N-8589	276	552,000.00
16	Lot 7, Block 1 Vista Nila Homes, Parang, Marikina	N-8590	202	404,000.00
17	Lot 8, Block 1 Vista Nila Homes, Parang, Marikina	N-8591	240	480,000.00
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ELECTRICITY PRICE WATCH

POWER RATES HAVE STARTED TO DECLINE as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo implements her 10-Point Plan to reduce electricity rates that would give relief to electric consumers.

One of her 10-Point Plan is to:

- REFLECT THE TRUE COST OF SERVICE IN ELECTRICITY RATES

Why is there a need to reflect the true cost of electricity in our bills?

With the deregulation of the telecommunications industry, we are now able to monitor closely our telephone bills. The same will happen with our electricity bill in the following months.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), NPC, Meralco, other Private Utilities and the 119 electric cooperatives will have to itemize listing of their rate components or what is called unbundling.

This will allow consumers to identify various charges of electricity services such as–generation, transmission, distribution and supply-in their electric bills. Rates will, then, become more transparent. Consumers will be allowed to closely monitor/compare their electricity rates. Hence, electricity consumers could soon shop for the best deals in electricity supply.

What has been done by the Government in this regard?

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) last June 26, 2002 issued its first decision out of the 135 unbundling rate petitions filed the power companies and electric cooperatives. The petitions were meant to reflect correspondingly the true and fair cost of providing electricity vis-à-vis changes in the economic conditions.

In its decision, the ERC rejected NPC and Transco's (National Transmission Co.'s) 17-centavos per kWh unbundled rate increase petition. Instead, the ERC ordered a cut of about 7-centavos per kWh in the NPC generation rates and Transco transmission delivery charges.

Based on the ERC order, NPC and Transco's should reflect the following cost components:

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President Arroyo urged NPC and Transco to abide by the ERC's decision in implementing the unbundling of electricity rates effective September this year.

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Blind groups denounce PUP 'discrimination'

By Donna S. Cueto

THE SECTORAL council for persons with disabilities has issued a resolution denouncing the Polytechnic University of the Philippines for rejecting the applications of seven blind students who were scholars of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

It said the school's refusal to allow the seven to take entrance tests was an act of discrimination.

The resolution was signed on July 5 during the second quarterly meeting of the sectoral council for PWDs of the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

The council headed by a PUP alumnus, Richard Arsenio, issued the resolution because it saw the act of PUP officials as "blatantly discriminator" to the visually impaired.

A council member, Lauro Purcil, chair of the committee on education of the sectoral council, said someone from PUP even called him up one time, expressing apprehension over the ability of the blind students to meet the "standard" of learning at PUP.

"PUP has changed. Everybody should be welcome there, particularly poor and disabled students since it is a state university," Purcil said.

Ernesto Lucio, acting president of the Philippine Blind Union, said PUP had lied when it said the blind students themselves had opted to defer their application till next year.

Lucio said PUP officials also lied when they told the media that it was he who did not follow through with his offer to install computer software for the blind at the university.

Lucio said he went to the school and was ready to install the computer applications but the PUP staff prevented him from doing so.

"We were given the run-around until there was no more time for the students to catch up," Lucio said.

Purcil said the sectoral council feels that PUP would still not accept the blind scholars next year, given their attitude now.

"We don't believe in their promise to take in the blind students. They asked us, '*Kaya ba ng bulag ang* standard *ng* PUP?'" he said.

"Education for all has been a national policy. Section 15 of Republic Act 7277 mandates state universities and colleges not to reject persons with disabilities on the basis of their disabilities," the sectoral council's resolution said.

Representatives of persons with disabilities all over the country were represented at the July 5 meeting.

GMA firm on death for convicts

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo will show no mercy toward all death row convicts.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. confirmed yesterday the President's latest change of heart about state-sponsored executions, saying this was in line with her renewed resolve to provide strong leadership under a "strong Republic."

"She's going to implement the death penalty barring any constitutional or legislative impediment. She's determined to pursue a very strong Republic, that's why she's going to undertake all necessary (measures) that will achieve this end," Afable told Palace reporters yesterday.

Seventeen convicts are scheduled to be put to death by lethal injection this year. Fourteen of them had been convicted of rape, two of kidnapping and one of robbery with homicide.

The first felon scheduled for execution is Alfredo Nardo, a convicted rapist, on Oct. 16.

There is a pending bill in Congress to repeal the death penalty law that was passed in 1994.

Afable said the President did not clear her decision with Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, one of her staunchest supporters. Nor does she see the need to explain herself to the Church hierarchy, he added.

"Her policy has been explained in the media," Afable said.

After the anti-kidnapping and drug trafficking summit held last Tuesday, the President said she realized that the death penalty is necessary to deter criminals. ***Dona Z. Pazzibugan***

Strike notices increase

A THIRD more strike notices were filed this year, compared to the same period last year.

The Department of Labor and Employment yesterday reported a total of 432 strike notices filed as of the first week of July, up from 325 last year.

In a statement, the labor department said the threatened strikes could affect 87,537 workers this year, as against 70,391 last year.

DOLE cited a report from the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB), which did not give reasons for the increase.

Labor officials were not available for comment. Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas was in Japan on official business.

In a report to Sto. Tomas earlier this week, NCMB Executive Director Rolando Rico Olalia said, however, that no strike occurred during the first week of July. He also said the board had settled issues affecting 10 of the firms that filed notices of strike. ***Armand N. Nocum***

Fernandez remains

THE REMAINS of Ambassador Armando "Manding" C. Fernandez, former Philippine resident representative to Taiwan who died on July 10, are still at the Christ the King Parish in Greenmeadows, Quezon City.

The remains were set to be transferred yesterday to Dagupan City, his birthplace, but the inclement weather prevented this. His family announced the interment at the Eternal Gardens Cemetery in Dagupan City on July 17 is also tentative depending on the weather.

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Ebdane launches revamp of top brass

By TJ Burgonio

THE REVAMP in the Philippine National Police has started after new chief Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. named his "mistah," Deputy Director General Clyde Fernandez, the deputy chief for administration (DCA).

Ebdane instructed Director Virtus Gil, director for personnel and records management, to obtain a clearance from the Commission on Elections that would allow Fernandez to take over as DCA, the post Ebdane held prior to his appointment.

Ebdane also directed Gil to seek clearances for the appointment of Senior Supt. Rodolfo Mendoza as OIC director for Pampanga, and Senior Supt. Dominador Ventura as OIC director for Pangasinan.

"Mendoza was the President's choice for that post," Gil said. President Macapagal-Arroyo comes from Pampanga.

Mendoza is former police director of Pangasinan while Ventura was with the provincial police office in Ilocos Sur.

It is necessary to get a Comelec clearance because of the 60-day ban on personnel movement during elections. The synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan polls are on Monday.

Fernandez, Ebdane's "mistah" (classmate) in Philippine Military Academy Class '70, was the first official to be appointed to a directorial post since Ebdane took over as PNP chief on July 4.

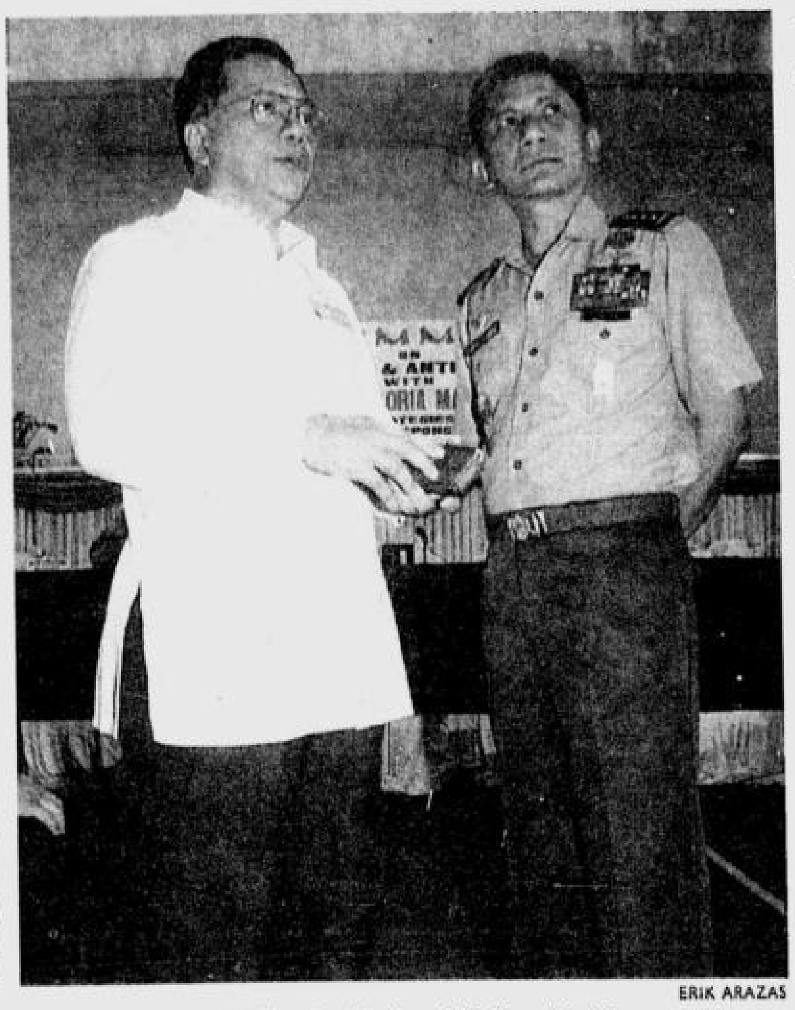
Speculation had been rife Fernandez's appointment to the second-highest post in the PNP would draw protests from officials who were senior in rank.

Fernandez was promoted to three-star rank only months ago along with Gen. Edgar Aglipay of the National Capital Region Police Office and Rey Velasco of the Directorate for Comptrollership.

Gil was quick to belie the protest talk, however. "That's his (Ebdane's) judgment. Much as we would like to follow the principle of seniority, we are a civilian institution," he said.

The next two highest ranking officials in the PNP are Deputy Director Generals Edgar Galvante, deputy chief for operation (DCO), and Rex Piad, chief of the Directorial Staff.

Ebdane had said he would institute a revamp in phases. Some officials said they expect a major reshuffle after the Comelec ban is lifted on July 30.



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TOP GUNS. New Philippine National Police chief Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane (left) and new Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Roy Cimatu confer during the recent summit on kidnapping and illegal drugs held at the Manila Hotel.

DOLE makes good check that bounced

By Armand N. Nocum

THE LABOR department has paid the P20.9 million it owed a sugar workers group in Negros Occidental, but investigation of those responsible for the previous check payment that bounced continues.

In a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, Undersecretary Manuel Imson vowed that the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) would "unmask" the people involved.

"We paid the laborers last Tuesday," Imson said, "but it does not end there, we are going after the culprits."

Members of the Binalbagan-Isabela Planters Association (BIPA) earlier complained to President Macapagal-Arroyo that a check issued to them two months ago by DOLE's Region VI office had bounced for lack of funds.

The P20.9 million represented the farmers' three percent share in the annual production of sugar in their area.

Republic Act No. 809, or the Sugar Industry Act, instructed organizations of sugar planters and farmers in Negros to set this share aside, for remittance to the farmers during the five to six months of the year there is no harvest. DOLE served as "trustee for liquidation, safekeeping and distribution" of the proceeds at the end of each crop year.

Imson said trouble started when Teresita Seran, the trader to whom DOLE Region VI Director Bienvenido Elorcha decided to sell the BIPA produce for crop year 2001-2002, turned out to have no money.

High court has enough of lawyer, disbars him

DAVAO CITY—He "abused, misused and overused" the judicial system.

And that's in almost four decades that this 1971 Constitutional Convention delegate, acting as lawyer for his wife in an estate settlement case, harassed presiding judges, delayed probate proceedings, blatantly defied court orders and bugged the Supreme Court on the side.

Well, the high court has dealt him "the ultimate penalty—expulsion from the esteemed brotherhood of lawyers." Lawyer Samuel Occena has been disbarred.

In an en banc order dated July 3, the SC ended Occeña's 42-year practice.

As detailed in the court order, Occeña's disbarment stemmed from a civil case involving his wife, Necy, as executrix administrator of the estate of her father, William C. Ogan, who died in 1963. Her six siblings had filed a settlement case in 1964 on Ogan's last will and testament before the former Court of First Instance (now RTC 4) in Tagbilaran.

Occeña, who was also the first regional chief of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) for Southern Mindanao, represented his wife.

The CFI, under Judge Antonio Beldia, decided in Special Proceedings 423 that Ogan's estate, which consisted of bank deposits, securities both in the Philippines and the United States, and real estate in Cebu City and in Ohio, be divided among his children.

Necy refused, giving elaborate excuses.

Meanwhile, Occeña filed various administrative charges against the CFI judge. The case dragged on until Judge Paulino Marquez took over from Beldia. The Occeñas started to harass Marquez as well.

In 1976, Judge Fernando Ruiz took over from Marquez and discovered Occeña's maneuverings.

Three times, Ruiz ordered Necy to explain her reasons for blocking the settlement. Three times, Necy ignored him. *Ayan C. Mellejor and Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Cable car gets produce from farm to market

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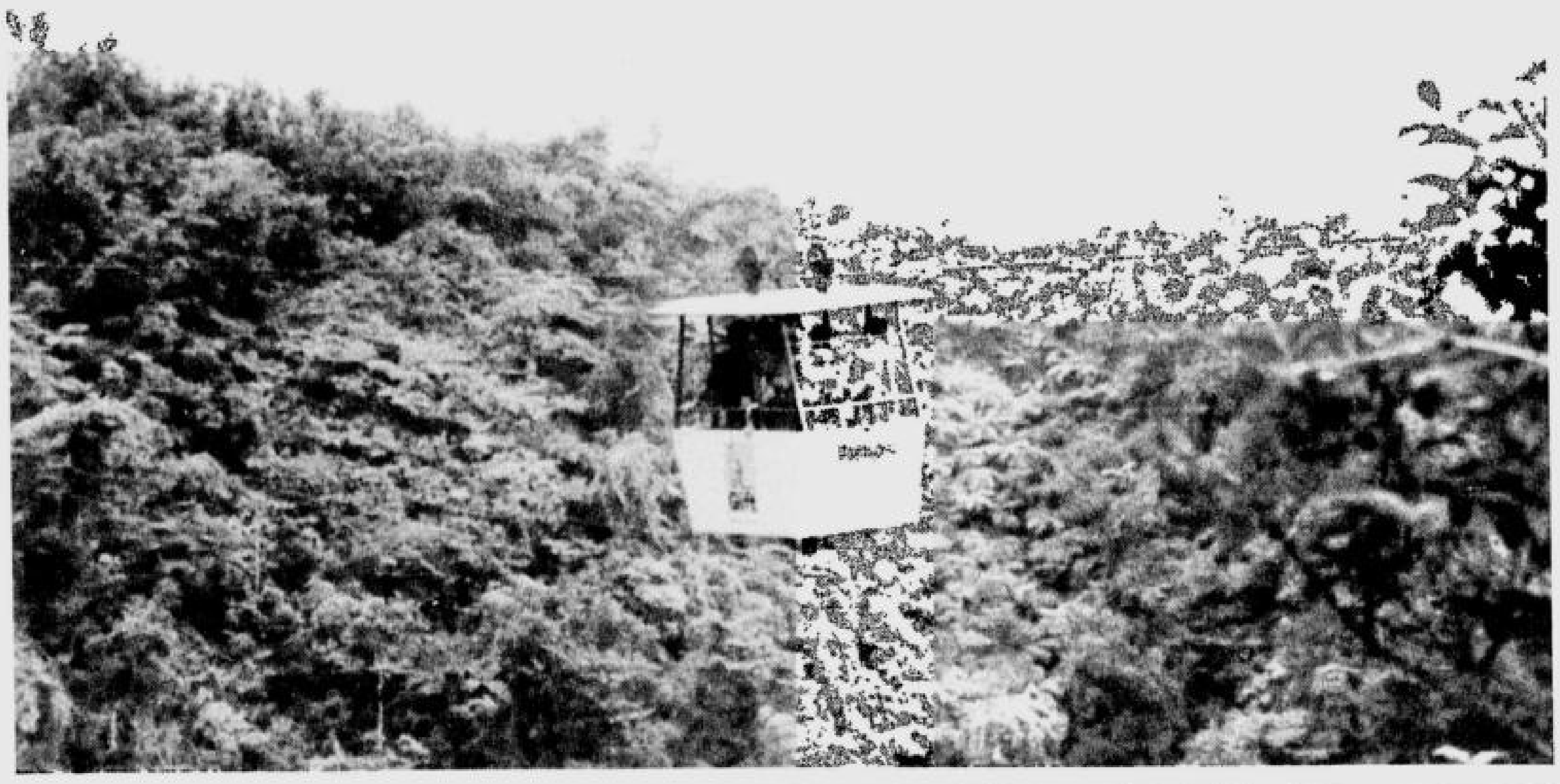

WHO needs farm-to-market roads? Not the farmers of Cabatangan outside Bacolod City in Negros Occidental who can depend on their own cable car crossing over a ravine that spans 320 meters to get their produce to the markets in Murcia and Talisay City in 15 minutes.

ANDY ALVAREZ

it allows the farmers to transport their produce across a ravine in only 15 minutes.

At the inauguration of the cable car on May 30, two elderly women sang a solemn "Ave Maria" while throwing grapes into the 108-meter-deep ravine. The grapes are to appease the spirits of the wild, to ensure safe journeys for the cable car, said one of the women, Florentina de Luces.

The cable car, worth about P400,000, is a joint project of the Negros Forest and Ecological Foundation Inc. (NFEFI) and the Australian Agency for International Development and Philippine-Australia Community Assistance Program (Pacap).

It was designed by the technical staff of the Technological University of the Philippines-Visayas and constructed by Thelmo Geollegue.

The cable car was turned over to the Upper Caliban-Imbang Watershed Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative to serve as one of its income-generating projects. Some 197 upland farmers and their families are involved in the co-op.

The ravine spans 320 meters, from Sitio Campuestohan in Cabatangan to Barangay Buenavista in Murcia town.

For a mere P30 per trip, five passengers can transport as much as 500 kilos of livestock, vegetables and fruit to the public market in Murcia or Talisay.

Josefina Belarmino, 64, underscored the farmers' past difficulties in getting their produce to market. With the cable car, she said, they could now bring more things to sell at the markets of Murcia and Talisay.

During the inauguration, the farmers took the opportunity to sell vegetables, fruits and jewelry made of bamboo and plants to the guests.

More money

Ledona said the fast and easy transport of their produce to market makes more money.

Rosita Villegas, 33 and a mother of six, said she was now making about P900 a week with the operation of the cable car.

Pacap's Chet Ferrer said the cable car was indeed aimed at enhancing the livelihood of farmers in order to ease poverty.

The cable car is a component of the Australian-funded Upland Productivity Program being carried out by the NFEFI in partnership with the co-op.

With a grant of P2.94 million from the Australian government, the program has contributed to the reforestation and protection of the 1,000-hectare Upper Caliban-Imbang watershed area in Murcia and Talisay.

The program has also provided long-term livelihood opportunities for the farmers, said NFEFI president Gerry Ledesma.

The farmers, who are all members of the co-op, have reforested 60 ha of the watershed with rattan and bamboo and planted fruit trees in 10 ha.

They have also established a nursery for forest trees as well as foot trails, and are conducting foot patrols to prevent illegal forest activities.

The NFEFI and the Australian government tapped the farmers to improve the water system, establish a health post and demonstration farm for high-value crops, and enhance livestock production, among many other projects.

Also working in the area in coordination with NFEFI are volunteers of Coral Cay Conservation from England. Volunteer James Sawyer said they were studying the bio-diversity of the forest for eco-tourism.

"We are ensuring that tourism does not disturb the fragile balance of the forests in the area," he said.

Among the rare species found in the area are the Visayan warty pig, the Philippine spotted deer and the Tarictic hornbill.

Teacher awarded trying to save eagle

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national bird, is an endangered species. The Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) in Davao City estimated that there were only about 500 pairs left in the wild.

Rebecca Latog, who teaches at the Bagumbayan Elementary School in Bagumbayan town, tried to nurse the bird, which had sought refuge in a farming village last April.

The injured Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) was limping from what appeared to be a gunshot wound when Latog's neighbor caught it.

Musa Saruang, executive director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Mindanao, said that upon seeing the wounded bird, Latog convinced her neighbor to hand it over to her.

Latog brought the eagle home and treated its wound. She also informed the local environment office about the bird and its condition.

But a few days after, the eagle died, apparently from an infection.

Saruang said the bird's death did not deter them from giving the award to Latog.

The citation was aimed at encouraging others to help conserve not only the region's dwindling forest but wildlife as well.

Dennis Salvador, PEF executive director, said they were still trying to determine the bird's survival rate in the wild. The foundation has been trying to increase the bird population by breeding those in captivity.

Since 1992, PEF has successfully hatched 10 eaglets but only nine have survived. The foundation depends heavily on donations for its project.

Aside from Latog, the DENR also gave conservation awards to Orlando Malana Sr. of Tacurong City for allowing various bird species to dwell in a palm oil plantation he was managing and Cotabato police chief Senior Supt. Odelon Ramoneda for leading the seizure of illegally cut logs and lumber and the closure of illegal sawmills operating in the province. ***With a report by Joselle d.R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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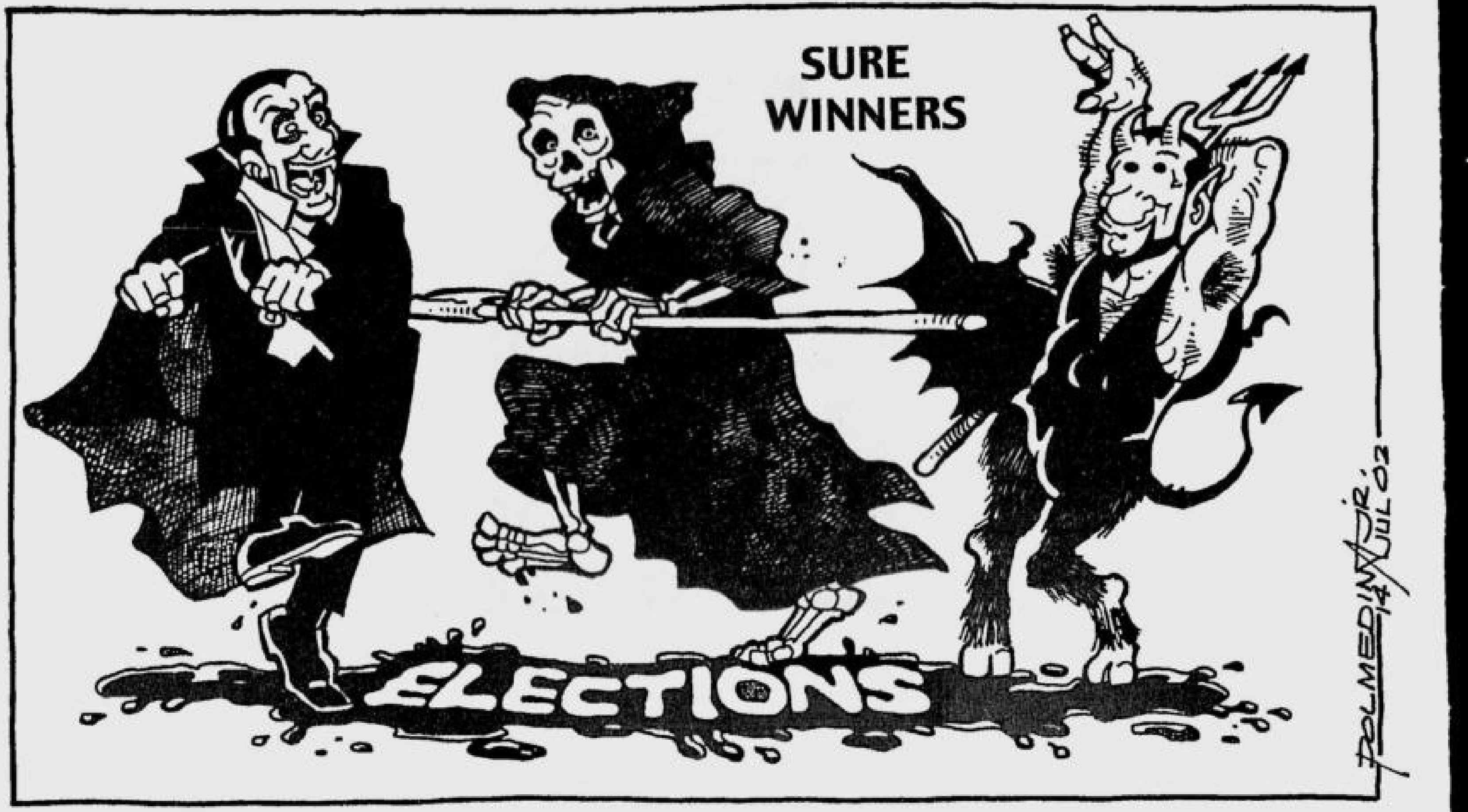

'I recuse'

EDITORIAL

THE REPORT that Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. has accepted the invitation—evidently the only one issued by the organizers—to address what the former foreign secretary called "a mass for civil liberties" at the Edsa Shrine tomorrow is disquieting.

In his "farewell" news conference last Friday, Guingona said his speech before tomorrow's assembly of civil society groups will not discuss anything involving the President. "I was invited to attend it. I accepted it because it's not about politics," he said.

Having been around for a long time, the 74-year-old Guingona can hardly claim political innocence. He was one of the leaders in the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship, but he was also twice a Cabinet member of the Ramos administration. He was one of the "Magnificent 12" senators who rejected a new bases treaty with the United States in September 1991, but his political record is also burdened by the controversy surrounding his wife's run as governor of Misamis Oriental. Most famously, he served as catalyst of the anti-Estrada opposition through his privilege speech calling for the impeachment of the President. "I accuse," he said, deliberately, conscious of the historic ring of the celebrated phrase. His perception of tomorrow's assembly as non-political, and his willingness to address the gathering, therefore, cannot but be deliberate decisions. In all likelihood, he now sees himself as a political tightrope artist supremely capable of walking a fine line. From where we sit, however, we can see clearly that he is walking into a trap with his eyes wide open.

The long and short of it is, tomorrow's "activity" will be a test of anti-administration sentiment, this time from within the loose coalition that came together to force Joseph Estrada out of Malacañang. And the Vice President will be the only draw on the card.

Let us repeat that. Without Guingona's appearance, tomorrow's "activity" (the organizers are not exactly sure what to call it now, having downgraded the event from "protest action" to "prayer rally" to "a Mass for civil liberties" that will feature "no speeches and no placards") will land in the inside pages, if at all. With Guingona, however, tomorrow's religious rites may yet turn out to be what Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo, who is not exactly a very religious person, said he was hoping for: "a new turn in the popular challenge to the Macapagal administration."

Or maybe not. While we condemn the Macapagal administration's attempts to recruit the more notorious political operators of the Estrada administration, we also know that the attempt to mount an Edsa III scenario is loose thinking, at best. The conditions are simply not there, and Guingona himself will agree. There is no immoral and incompetent President plundering the nation's resources, and there is no agitated public clamor for a change in government. At most, there is what the Palace calls "honest differences of opinion" between the two top officials of the land.

Like the lawyer that he is, Guingona has been careful to nuance his many resignation statements. Last Friday, he said he would not go out of his way to pick fights against the administration he served for a year, preferring instead to play a "constructive" role. His stance "would be meant to open eyes and ask for second thoughts for the good of the nation."

But tomorrow's organizers have a different agenda in mind. The spokesperson of the Council for Philippine Affairs (Copa), Jose Montelibano, said Guingona "wants to spend his extra time...to encourage movements in support of new policies." Copa secretary general Pastor Saycon confirmed Guingona's attendance in tomorrow's event, and said, "We will welcome him back into the arms of the multi-sectoral forces of Edsa."

That must have come as a surprise to Guingona, who never imagined he had left the spirit of Edsa behind.

"I'm not a tool of anyone," the Vice President has said. Well, he can prove it tomorrow, by recusing himself from an event that cannot but be political.

Insecurity of tenure

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I WOULD like to give Sen. Blas Ople some unsolicited legal advice about President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's plan to invite him to be her foreign secretary.

I will do this only as a personal friend and not because we have the same political persuasions. These are as different as black and white. I never liked Ferdinand Marcos and Joseph Estrada to whom Ople rendered steadfast devotion.

To begin with, Ms Macapagal has not yet openly invited him to her Cabinet. It may be assumed that she has extended the offer through his political protégé, Rep. Willie B. Villarama, and her publicist, Dante Ang, who purposely visited him in the United States to persuade him to accept. But to date the President is not talking.

In a guarded statement, Ople reportedly said he would obey the presidential command if issued but without prejudice to his right to vote with his opposition colleagues in the Senate when Congress convenes on July 22. He is already laying down conditions even before he is appointed.

I suppose that after demonstrating his loyalty to the Angara group, he will transfer it to Ms Macapagal to assume the office Vice President Teofisto Guingona resigned over policy differences. Ople will then formally take the oath as the new foreign secretary before Her Excellency, who will then become his boss.

By doing so, Ople will forfeit his seat in the Senate, in accordance with Art. VI, Sec. 13 of the Constitution. Such forfeiture shall commence from the time he holds his new position in the executive branch and will be irrevocable.

As a member of the Cabinet, he will be subject to the President's constitutional power of control under Art. VII, Sec. 17 of the Constitution. He will not be as free as he is now as a member of the Senate. He will be only an alter ego of the President. He will be expected to follow her orders and support her policies even against his private opinion and will.

Our Supreme Court has held that, without minimizing the importance of the Cabinet members, they can be described only as the legal projection of the President. Their acts done in the ordinary course of business are the acts of the President unless reprobated or disauthorized by him. Such acts if laudable are credited to the President but if not are blamed only on them, with the President himself as their principal critic.

If Ople disagrees with President Macapagal, it is her view that will prevail. The department secretary is only a legal clone. If the subordinate cannot agree with his superior, it is the subordinate who should yield if he wants to keep his job. This is true even of the premier member of the Cabinet.

The department secretary who cannot surrender his principles should resign with honor. In 1923, Secretary Jose P. laurel of the Department of the Interior removed an American detective found guilty of bribery in an administrative case. Gov. General Leonard Wood reversed the decision and ordered his countryman's reinstatement. Laurel complied but at the same time tendered his resignation. His colleagues in the Cabinet followed suit, to the embarrassment of the autocratic Wood.

If the secretary chooses not to resign despite his differences with the President, the President may simply separate him. This act is commonly regarded as a removal, but that is a mistake. Strictly speaking, the separation is effected through another mode of terminating official relations known as expiration of the term.

Term is the period of time during which a public official has a right to his office. It is usually fixed in years, as in the case of senators, whose term is six years, and mayors, whose term is three years. When their terms end, their official relations are automatically discontinued. This will occur by the mere passage of time.

Removal implies a forcible separation of the public official *before* the expiration of his term. Thus, if a governor is denied the right to continue in his office for the entire period of his three-year term, his authority is cut short through that more familiar mode known as removal. This may be with or without cause, but that's another matter.

The Cabinet member does not have a fixed term of office; his term is determined by the President in his discretion, usually based on his confidence in the subordinate. To take an extreme example, the President may appoint a Cabinet member today and after two weeks inform him that he must leave because his term has expired. That is perfectly legal. The sham resignation is only a face-saver.

Remember Aprodicio Lacquian? He quit his job in Canada to become Joseph Estrada's chief of staff but retained his office for only 41 days. Erap lost confidence in him for revealing certain tidbits about his boss, who promptly ended the tattler's term.

If that happens to Ople, he cannot return to the Senate to serve his unexpired term until 2004. he will become a private citizen with memories to cherish and mistakes to regret.

Say mo', hear mo', do mo'!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about three priests who found themselves before St. Peter at the gates of heaven and were asked what they had done in their lifetime. The first one said he had baptized a lot of people during his ministry, and then he brought out from his bag his record book of baptisms. The next one said he had specialized in marriages during his ministry and brought out his record book of marriages he had solemnized and validated. The third one boasted that his ministry had been filled with a series of talks, retreats, homilies and recollections. When asked by St. Peter what he had to prove his claim, he opened his bag, and behold, inside were the ears of so many people, because their ears "listened to the word, but they did not live it." St. Peter was supposed to have said: "Same with you Father. I will just accept your tongue."

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The Gospel today (Mt. 13, 1-23) about the Parable of the Sower reminds us to be doers of the Word of God, not hearers only. On the same count, we are to be doers of God's word, and not preachers only. The Word of God has to bear fruit in our concrete lives.

There are people who claim to be spiritual and talk spiritual, but are so carnal and material in their daily lives and dealings. In other words, there is a disparity between what they say and who they are. Jesus did not mince his words about such people whom He called hypocrites, a brood of vipers, wolves in sheep clothing and empty tombs.

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I met recently one person who attended my Holy Saturday Recollection at our Christ the King Seminary chapel last April. She said she was touched by the words she had listened to that morning. When I asked what touched her most, she said that she had forgotten them already but they were all "nice." However what she remembered and what touched her most was seeing me kneel down in fervent prayer before the crucifix just before the talk. She was early in church and she saw me walk in in my jogging clothes, kneel down in prayer and touch the crucifix. That quiet moment spoke louder to her than all the words I said an hour later. Indeed, actions speak louder than words.

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Why do people end up hearing but not doing the Word of God? Why, for that matter, do you not seem to apply God's word in your daily life? The Gospel speaks of four kinds of people who receive God's word. The first one is he who is on the road, the one who hardly cares and who has no time to listen precisely because he is always busy and is on the road. The Word of God sown in this person will have no chance of growing. The second one is he who is on rocky ground. He hears the word, becomes enthusiastic about it, but soon withers because it is all based on feelings and emotions which are enough as they fluctuate with one's moods, conditions and perceptions. The third one is he who is on thorny ground. He hears the word, becomes not only enthusiastic but also decisive about it, but is often choked by the worldly anxieties and material cares of this world and end up not living God's word. The fourth one is he who hears the word and lives it out with commitment in spite of persecution and deprivation, and bears fruit and yields a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold.

Which one are you?

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The Word of God cannot take root in a person who is always busy and who is constantly focused on his own emotions and moods. Furthermore, the Word of God can take root but cannot bear fruit in a person who is materialistic. Finally, the Word of God can take root and can bear fruit in a person who has commitment, but the yield will vary according to the degree of commitment of every person.

May the Word of God bear fruit abundantly in each one of us.

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With the barangay elections scheduled this Monday, the politicians are out sowing seeds of manipulation once again. It is really sad, but money is the bottom line in our present-day politics. Ergo, as a rule, he who has no money has no chance of being elected to public office. And so, we end up with public servants who win because they are moneyed or popular, and who in turn will make more money from their public office. In the meantime, our people continue to suffer.

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The biggest burden of our country is our heartless politicians who work for the next elections, but not for the good of this nation. In this seemingly hopeless situation, we must continue to sow the seed of goodness and believe, and keep on believing that crime does not pay, and that goodness will triumph in the end. Keep on dreaming. Keep on believing, keep on working. Take heed, you men and women of goodwill, and remember God's word in Isiah 55: "My Word shall do My will, achieving the end for which I sent It."

Question: Which side are you working for? Are you working for goodness, or are you working for evil?

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Thousands of people are suffering from the floods these days because of a few selfish and heartless people who made fast money earlier by cutting our trees and cheating on infrastructure projects.

Think about it: People are suffering because of you! You and your family are comfortable while others are suffering because you cheated them. I sow this seed in your conscience today and pray that you will be enlightened to repent and make amends. Remember that whatever you did to others, you did it to Christ. Remember, too, that divine justice, though often delayed, will catch up with you sooner or later. Finally, remember that it profits you nothing if you gain the whole world and in the end you lose your soul!

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Floods, no work, no classes. Time to enjoy the cool weather and be comfortable, right? Wrong! Time to reach out and share with those who are suffering. Give your time, talent and treasures to your neighbors who are affected by the floods. Your cash, your goods, your time will be very much appreciated in the evacuation centers. Do your share. What you say, what you hear, you do. Gets mo?

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to do what I hear from You, and what I tell others to do. Amen.

Issues for Church reform

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

SO, as of the last sentence of "A wake-up call for Church reform? "(PDI, 6//30/02), what were the three main issues raised for reform?

The first is a change in governance. The monarchial structure and style of Vatican governance must give way to a more democratic form. "Eliminate all worldly titles." The 33-day Pope John Paul I, aghast at his title's being just short of the "the Pope, the King," meant to remove them all. Eliminate "all the triumphal folderol"—the royal colors, the capes, jeweled crosses and rings, etc. The beehive jeweled crown has been renounced. The rest must go. How can anyone dialogue with someone before whom he must kneel and whose ring he must kiss?

And beyond the intimidating trappings, the grip of authority and power must be examined up to the papacy. Strong words are dealt the mighty Roman Curia. Terms are recommended for bishops and popes—15 years or not beyond the 75th birthday. "Organizational examples" from the corporate world are recommended from monitoring, to evaluation to accountability to transparency. For besides power and authority, money ranks high in the Church's administrative concerns, from bank scandals at the top to who-knows-what donations, to diocesan and parish funds. From where and from whom, for example, will the millions to settle the pedophile cases come?

The laity must be included in Church governance at all levels, "now limited by Canon Law to the ordained." Parish councils must be strengthened. The pedophile cases could have been discovered much earlier if lay workers were privy to the workings in the parish.

These changes imply nothing less than overturning "immovables" in the Church, boulders that have settled into the soil for ages: the "Roman" supremacy traceable to the first Bishop of Rome as de facto "head" of the Church; the resulting Roman "imperial" structure of governance and from thence the European stamp for the past 1,700 years; and a paradigm shift from a triangle with the Pope at the top and the lowly laity at the bottom, to a wheel with all of us as spokes. Critics feel it is time to move the "weight of power away from Rome" for if the Church has been dying in Europe and moving toward Asia, Africa and the Third World, is the leadership fairly distributed among all?

The second issue is "the People of God," an echo of Vatican II which hoped to move the laity "simmering on the 'back burner' ... to the 'front burner' and turn the heat up all the way." But instead of coming to a boil, chunks of Vatican II have been frozen. The call repeats two basic points: the Church is the people of God, the vast majority made up of you and me and the marketplace, not just or mainly the hierarchy, much less the church buildings; moreover, these people of God must be empowered. Hence they share in the governance, "co-equal and co-responsible" in reforming, shaping and decision-making. In the next Council, the laity must have "an equal presence, voice and vote with the hierarchy" and not merely as observers or limited to those handpicked by the hierarchy.

Attention is called to critical sectors and concerns of the people of God.

The "option for the poor" is still erratic. How do the local Churches rate if "the condition of the poor in every country is the 'thermometer' of the faith and vitality of the Church in that country"? Women must have, as a matter of justice, "equal citizenship" in all aspects of Church life, including governance and ordination. Countless female Church workers are glorified assistants.

The entire cluster of marriage-love - sexuality-family is in deep trouble. "The whole theology of marriage" must be re-worked. Is this a no-no for the dogmatists, a closed book despite claims of empathy and sympathy?

The priests, "a special genius of Catholicism" must again make the Church "a sacramental and eucharistic community." The promotion of vocations must go on; seminary training, reviewed. Our "foot soldiers" need more care.

The "Catholics of color and the Catholics of the non-Western world" compose the emerging majority. This "communion of multi-cultural Churches" raises new demands on "unity in diversity," on indigenation and inculturation. The Church must incarnate its message in different cultures instead of continuing to preserve it in European clothing. I love "Tantum Ergo" but it does nothing to our children. The African must sing, dance and clap. Who are we to think that irreverent?

"A major disconnect" between pew and pulpit waits to be bridged.

The third issue is "The Church in the World." There are exhortations: on continued peacemaking; on globalization and "a new code of global ethics," on a re-assessment of the unjust distribution of the world's finite resources," on a new missiology "of real cultural and faith exchanges" instead of the old mission-sending, mission-receiving, mission-funding; on Church teaching "with too many dogmas and doctrines that are life-draining and not enough story *(sic)* that is life-giving."

And like Vatican II on Ecumenism, "openness to Eastern and other religions" and "inter-religious dialogue" must be pursued. Humble pie is needed here for claims to fullness-of-truth and no-salvation-outside-the-Church must be set aside. Unkind labels may have been lifted but does the chill continue?

How then is the Church relating to the world; in touch or out of touch? Believe it or not: this world that badly needs the Church can teach the Church a thing or two.

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Rainy-day rants

AT LARGE

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SOMEONE once wrote that for a people who've had to live with rains and floods for millennia, we seem to be perennially ill prepared for the wet season.

Just observe Manilans on the street when they're caught by a sudden downpour. People scurry about, desperately seeking shelter. Women may pull out their dinky floral umbrellas, some struggling with the folding mechanism. Men will inevitably be caught without umbrellas, seeking futile protection from the rain by holding up brown envelopes to shield their heads or using handkerchiefs as temporary caps. Almost no one will be wearing a raincoat, save perhaps for schoolchildren or police. And on everyone's face will be painted an expression of equal parts dismay, puzzlement, even betrayal.

You'd think, having lived all our lives in a country where it rains for half the year, Filipinos would have gotten the routine down pat. But why is it that we react to the rains—not just the devastating typhoons but even the seasonal monsoons—like it was the first time it happened to us? Even in July, smack dab in the middle of the rainy season, we leave our homes on a sunny morning and think we can leave our rainy-day gear behind. Then come the afternoon rains and we react like the gods had pulled a trick on us.

In contrast to the Englishman whose enduring image is that of a gent in a raincoat, bowler hat sitting jauntily on his head, twirling a black umbrella, the Pinoy male seems to think getting dressed for the rains is an assault on his manhood. And until recently, I couldn't blame him. Most umbrellas were dainty, flimsy devices, even when they came in the manly colors of black or tan. Early in my commuting life, I learned to buy umbrellas in the men's section, simply because they were usually larger and more durable than those floral thingies sold to women, though still inadequate for driving rain and gusty winds. These days, men seem to find the humongous new umbrellas, modeled after those used on golf courses, more in keeping with their macho sense of themselves. Size does matter, after all.

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THIS sense of unpreparedness extends even to our government officials, who react to each approaching cyclone and threatened flood as if it were a crisis without parallel. Even if, since Spanish times, much of Manila and environs would be underwater once the rains started arriving in May.

Overheard on radio recently: The only way you could know for sure that the sun would come out that day was if education officials had cancelled classes in the morning. Usually, this would be because torrential rains the day before had flooded the streets and made commuting home a nightmare. Between the issuance of the "no-classes" order and sunrise, though, the floodwaters would have receded and the skies cleared. And so schoolchildren, kept home to keep them safe and dry, would have nothing to do all day but stew in boredom or fry their brains before the TV set.

You'd think, with "accu-weather satellites" and all the latest gizmos in information technology, education officials would at least be given enough information to decide about classes a whole day before a typhoon is expected to hit, and not on that same morning, or in the evening, after the children had already been chilled and soaked and waded through the city's toxic street soup.

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LOCAL government officials are also caught in this trap of perpetual

unpreparedness. During this rainy season, newspaper editors can write the headlines in their sleep: "____ die, thousands homeless in floods," "State of calamity declared in ______," "Thousands fall ill in refugee centers," "Appeal aired for food, blankets, medicine."

You'd think by now they'd have ceased to think of the rains as emergency situations. We all know rivers will overflow their banks, and people in low-lying areas will be driven out by rising water levels. Granting that clearing river banks and low-lying areas of illegal settlers is a political problem that's proven to be more stubborn than a herd of carabaos, why can't local governments start relocating these families, even if only temporarily, while the sun is out and it's easier to transport them? Instead, we're treated to the familiar sight of soldiers rushing to their rescue in boats and bancas, after which we have to endure footage of these ingrates, finding temporary shelter in public schools, complaining about the congestion and the boring diet of instant noodles.

Then again, maybe politicians need this sort of seasonal crisis to score electoral points. When even the President feels it is her duty to wade through floodwaters, properly clad in a nylon raincoat and Wellingtons, instead of scolding local officials for their lack of preparedness, then it seems clear the floods and rains are seen as valuable photo-ops rather than predictable circumstances we can and should prepare for.

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YESTERDAY morning, our son woke up his father before daybreak, declaring that the rains had made the waters on our street rise above sidewalk level, threatening to flood our cars. In the rain and in the dark, they had to drive the cars through the rising waters and park them blocks away on higher ground.

They could have moved the cars the night before, since the rising waters were to be expected given that it had rained the whole day and night. But then, we had hope. And we went to bed hoping the rains would cease and would not trigger floods. Maybe that explains why the rainy season and its miseries continue to catch us unawares. Daily, we hope against hope that the sun will come out tomorrow.

The spirit of civil society

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE TERM has been used so loosely that it has become synonymous, at best, with what we used to call "cause-oriented groups," and, at worst, with unelected meddlers and hecklers without any real political base. In fact, the term "civil society" has solid credentials, and it is useful to go back to its early usage in order to appreciate developments in our political life.

The term first came into use in German philosophy as a way to distinguish between two spheres of human activity: the political framework of the state (political society), and the social framework of everyday life (civil society). Hegel regarded the state as the embodiment of the highest form of reason, and thus it was perfectly suited to regulate human affairs. Our everyday relationships in society, he said, tend to be marked by conflict and confusion. The state, as the epitome of disinterested wisdom, mediates and provides direction.

Marx called this view of a neutral and autonomous state standing above society an illusion. The state, he said, is very much a product of the conflicts of social life. It exists not to mediate but to enforce the dominance of one class over the rest of society. Far from reflecting universal wisdom, the state is an instrument of narrow interests. To understand the nature of the state and the role it plays in society, we must, he argued, look into the interplay of classes at the level of social production. The practical struggles and experiences of the working people at this level would provide them the self-knowledge they need in order to free themselves and thus become initiators of the historical process.

Here—in the primacy that Marx assigned to civil society—lies the seed that has sprouted into many forms of popular initiative, challenging the supremacy not only of the state but also of the political parties. It was the Italian revolutionary, Antonio Gramsci, who gave this idea its clearest expression. Gramsci was very critical not only of the bureaucratic state but even more of the radical parties of his time, which he disdainfully regarded as little more than a bunch of professional politicians jockeying for positions.

Gramsci denounced the cynical manipulation of the working masses by politicians in their quest for state power. He urged the working classes to develop their own "organic intellectuals" who could synthesize the actual experiences of their fellow workers and point the way to the attainment of their real aspirations. He held up the "workers' councils" as the proper instrument for transforming society, not the trade unions, or the political parties or the state. In fact, he looked toward a future society that would be so unified it would have no need for any form of political rule.

In today's politics, the inheritors of Gramsci's spirit of civil society are the critical press, the independent people's organizations, social movements, and developmental non-government organizations which are concerned with social empowerment in its various forms. They care little about working with government or dealing with politicians and established political parties. Their vision is of a society free from oppression and domination, and their mission is to empower ordinary people by releasing their fullest human potential through critical reflection and organized action. Ultimately, their objective is to absorb the state into civil society.

Civil society groups have played an increasingly important role in Philippine political life since the 1970s. They filled the vacuum created by the death of the political parties during the period of authoritarian rule. Their view of social progress contrasted sharply with the repressive programs of the Marcos dictatorship. Emergent civil society hastened the overthrow of the Marcos state in 1986, but the movements that constituted it were not sufficiently unified to offer an alternative non-elitist model of political democracy. As soon as the dictatorship was gone, the professional politicians came back to reclaim their traditional roles as overseers of the national community.

It was not difficult for them to return to these roles given the persistence in our society of an unreformed political culture of patronage and dependence. Not wishing to concede government totally to the traditional politicians, many civil society activists accepted roles in the national bureaucracy. In time, their good intentions were buried in the ways of state power. Many joined traditional parties to survive politically.

Edsa II followed Edsa I. Once more, civil society led the way in ousting a regime. The scope for change in 2001 was, however, even more limited than in 1986. This was affirmed by the ambivalent results of the national elections held after Edsa II. The old regime was not completely dismantled; the "new" regime that succeeded it operated under unchanged rules.

It is thus foolish for civil society to think it has any hold on the Macapagal administration it helped put in power. The political rules and structures are unchanged. This is still a government of the elite. As in 1986, some civil society elements find themselves working in government, and though their frustrations grow day by day, they continue to hope that they can continue their mission of popular empowerment from the other side of the barricade. This is not an easy role.

The proper role of civil society is to inform and organize the people so they can govern themselves, not to engage in the old contest for state power.

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Homecoming

COMMENTARY

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IF plans do not miscarry, 429 Filipinos with education degrees who are presently working in Hong Kong will return soon to fill up some vacancies in our public elementary and high schools.

Upon the invitation of the Department of Education, they have agreed to give up jobs that carry the equivalent salary of middle-management executives in the Philippines in favor of teaching positions that pay only a quarter of that compensation level.

The job shift will impose a financial sacrifice on them and their families. With the prevailing high cost of living in our country, a cut in pay is no laughing matter. The already tightened belts of the people who depend on the returning Filipino overseas contract workers for economic support would have to be pulled a little more.

Several reasons have been offered to explain the OFWs' decision to return home. The Hong Kong government appears serious in pushing through with its plan to reduce the number of foreigners working in that administrative region so thousands of unemployed Chinese can take over their jobs.

The OFWs realize that their continued absence have exacted a heavy toll on their families. According to statistics, drug addiction is highest among the young whose father or mother, or both, are working abroad. Also, the temptation to engage in adulterous affairs becomes strong when one of the spouses is absent from the family home.

The cynics in our midst may think otherwise, but it cannot be discounted that one of the reasons the 429 Filipinos are coming home is that they want to contribute their share in making this country a better place to live in. Going back to the classroom to teach our youth is a good start for that endeavor.

Chinese amahs

The influx of Filipinos to Hong Kong to take on domestic household and caregiver jobs reflects the change in economic fortunes of China and our country.

It will be recalled that during the 1950s, when China was still a backwater nation, thousands of young Chinese girls moved to the Philippines to look for jobs that would enable them to send money to the families they left behind.

Lacking in education and with strong backs and hands as their only assets, these girls worked as nursemaids or amahs of upper and middle-class Filipino families. With their pigtails and quaint Chinese native clothes, they acted as nannies of children whose parents had their hands full with financial and social responsibilities.

The roles were reversed two decades later. With a martial law administration in place and the economy in dire straits, it was the turn of the Filipinos to look to foreign shores for sources of livelihood.

Guess who was the architect of the scheme to make the Philippines the world's biggest source of contract workers? Who else, but the long-time labor minister of then strongman Ferdinand Marcos, Blas Ople! Yes, he is the same senator who thinks the Department of Foreign Affairs has a special place for senile and opportunistic lawmakers like him.

So it came to pass, with the active encouragement and support of Ople's Ministry of Labor, that millions of Filipinos took up jobs in the Middle East, United States, Europe and Hong Kong.

Then a British colony, Hong Kong attracted thousands of Filipinos who did the kind of work the Chinese amahs used to do in our country 20 years earlier. Since then and up to the present, Filipinos have been babysitting the children of the Hong Kong Chinese so the latter can engage in lucrative commercial activities.

History has repeated itself in an inverse way.

Good treatment

Compared to the existing expatriate work force in Hong Kong, the number of Filipinos who have expressed their desire to come home and teach is not much. It's a drop in the bucket.

But it's a good start in the education department's campaign to improve the quality of primary and secondary education in the country by filling up vacancies in teaching positions.

By asking the Hong Kong-based Filipinos with teaching certificates or experience to take on those jobs, the DepEd has made it possible for them to rejoin their families with some assurance that they will not be rendered financially destitute by their relocation.

Good intentions aside, the acceptance by the expatriate Filipinos of the invitation to return to the classrooms imposes on the government the obligation to live up to the "carrots" it dangled to convince them to return to the country.

Their enthusiasm for teaching should not be dampened by undue delay in the release of their salaries, unnecessary performance audits and other forms of bureaucratic procedures whose only purpose is to show who is boss at the district school offices.

No teacher will be happy getting his first paycheck six months after the start of classes, and with no assurance that the succeeding envelopes will come on time and in the right amount.

The government should not forget that the Filipino teachers who earlier left for Hong Kong did so out of frustration with their compensation benefits. It was bad enough that their teaching chores were backbreaking—preparing lesson plans, teaching from morning to late afternoon, participating in extra-curricular activities, attending to visitors from the head office, and supervising elections—and the pay was low. Worse, there was no certainty about the regularity of receipt of their well-earned compensation.

All the rhetoric about love of country and good family relations will be useless if the returning Filipinos are not given the elementary courtesy of being paid what is due them at the agreed time.

After consenting to a big cut in their take-home pay, the least that the government can do to encourage them to stay in their jobs is to make sure they receive their reduced salary on time or without having to lick the boots of their pay masters.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that the government will be able to sustain this latest effort to make employment available in the Philippines so Filipinos do not have to try their luck elsewhere. It is disheartening to see a good project start with a bang, only to fizzle out after the hoopla over it dies down.

To the 429 expatriate Filipinos who have responded to the government's call to take part in the education of our youth, and those who may come later, welcome back!

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TALK of the TOWN

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Why are Pinoys sick of RP-style democracy?

ONLY 35 percent of Filipinos are satisfied with how democracy works in the country, according to a private polling group.

The findings of a survey that the Social Weather Stations conducted in May-June support results of an earlier poll by a group at the University of the Philippines that one out of three Filipinos is satisfied with democracy.

These have prompted some people to speculate that Filipinos are receptive to a "benevolent dictator" or a junta. It may be wishful thinking as three out of four Filipinos are against a declaration of martial law and have faith in democracy as the ideal political system.

But as things stand, Philippine-style democracy has not brought tangible benefits of economic, social and political development to the people. Many Filipinos have remained dirt poor.

Despite the two Edsa people power revolts, what we have is still a democracy dominated by a handful of families. Political dynasties thrive in the provinces and cities where patronage politics is the norm.

In the House of Representatives, we have sons, daughters and wives taking over the posts vacated by lawmakers barred from seeking a third term. Showbiz personalities get elected as mayors and senators or even as president of the republic.

Because the present political setup has not addressed the many problems besetting the country, calls are being made to amend the Constitution and to adopt a parliamentary form of government.

'What we have is elite democracy that favors the rich'

By Jose V. Abueva
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FROM the euphoria after the Edsa revolt in 1986 that ended the Marcos dictatorship and restored democracy under Corazon Aquino, Filipino satisfaction with democracy dipped to 50 percent near the end of her presidency.

Satisfaction rose to 70 percent early in Fidel Ramos' time and then fluctuated to a low of 46 percent and a high of 64 percent in December 1997 near the end of his term. From Joseph Estrada's high of 70 percent when he started his presidency in mid-1998, it plummeted to 42 percent as early as September 2000.

Satisfaction with the way democracy works in our country hit its lowest at 34 percent under Macapagal-Arroyo, in September 2001, as Estrada's loyalists challenged her legitimacy, then it improved to 44 percent by November. These are measurements taken by the Social Weather Station.

My own UP survey a little later showed only 34 percent satisfaction and 42 percent dissatisfaction. Then the SWS survey in May-June 2002 showed satisfaction at 35 percent. Lately, the surveys show a trend of more of our citizens becoming dissatisfied with the way democracy works in our country.

Faith in democracy as ideal

However, in November 2001, survey respondents nationwide indicated their faith in democracy as the ideal political system. To the statement "Democracy is the best political system in all circumstances," a high majority of 72 percent agreed.

In that survey 16 percent also agreed with the statement "Whether we live in a democracy or a dictatorship makes no difference to people like me." And 13 percent agreed that "In certain circumstances, a dictatorship could be a good thing."

When we add the 16 percent who are indifferent to either political system and the 13 percent who are inclined to favor a dictatorship "in certain circumstances," we have a sum of 29 percent or close to one-third of the people who may be inclined to favor a recourse to an authoritarian alternative in lieu of the kind of dysfunctional democracy we have been experiencing.

It is perhaps for this reason that 72 percent as well agree to "the possibility that Filipinos will completely lose faith in peaceful means of promoting democracy."

Yet, again, 78 percent disagree with the test statement that "Given the current situation of the Philippines today, it will help to declare martial law." In the surveys since 1986 a majority of Filipinos have consistently rejected a hypothetical return to dictatorship or authoritarian rule. What probably comes to mind is our recent historical experience: the corrupt and oppressive Marcos dictatorship of over 13 years.

Our citizens have also consistently condemned the coup attempts mounted by rightist military rebels, as they have disapproved of the Communist rebellion, the Moro rebellions, and other acts or threats of destabilizing the legitimate regimes of Aquino and then of Macapagal-Arroyo.

Furthermore, Filipinos have resorted to "people power" as a peaceful revolution to overthrow an abusive and unwanted president: in a supreme effort to restore democracy as in February 1986, or to save an endangered democracy as in January 2001.

Why are we dissatisfied?

As I have already explained, in the 16 years since People Power I, and under our 1987 Constitution, we have restored and modified our pre-martial law democratic institutions. However, what we have is still an "elite democracy" that has favored largely the already rich and powerful minority while placating the majority, especially the impoverished.

Low economic growth, ineffective governance, political instability, unabated corruption, and rapid population growth have prevented us from achieving the degree of national progress of neighboring Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, and China. We are not winning the race with highly competitive economies, let alone with the chronic and worsening problems of a nation of 80 million people that now adds 1.7 million more babies each year. The yearly migration of our unemployed and underemployed bespeak their sense of hopelessness in their quest for the good life at home.

By and large, our political leaders have lacked vision, courage and the political will to overcome the inertia of their parochialism and populism, content mainly with winning elections and remaining in power. There are no doubt brilliant exceptions but, sadly, they do not form a critical mass or a political party that can get the country out of its vicious cycle of relative stagnation.

Thus, mass poverty, high unemployment and underemployment, homelessness, social inequality and injustice, low levels of social services, endemic corruption, rebellion and criminality, and environmental degradation mark the national landscape. Unable to mobilize the needed revenues for public investments in infrastructure and for social services, our government is increasingly dependent on domestic and foreign borrowing and indebtedness.

In this situation, our aspirations for peace, national unity, reducing poverty, curbing corruption, and bringing about a just and humane society continue to elude us. Our post-Edsa political system and leaders have not provided the nation with badly needed institutional framework and policies for overcoming our chronic and worsening problems.

To reiterate, it appears that the single most important factor that has set us behind the dynamic "tiger economies" in East Asia is our lack of "good governance," which is another way of stating our deficit in leadership. "Good governance" may be defined as responsive, efficient and effective policy-making and implementation under the rule of law.

Good governance depends crucially on effective political institutions, the political will of competent and committed leaders, effective and accountable political parties, and the support and cooperation of a dynamic business sector and civic-spirited citizens.

Hope in reforms

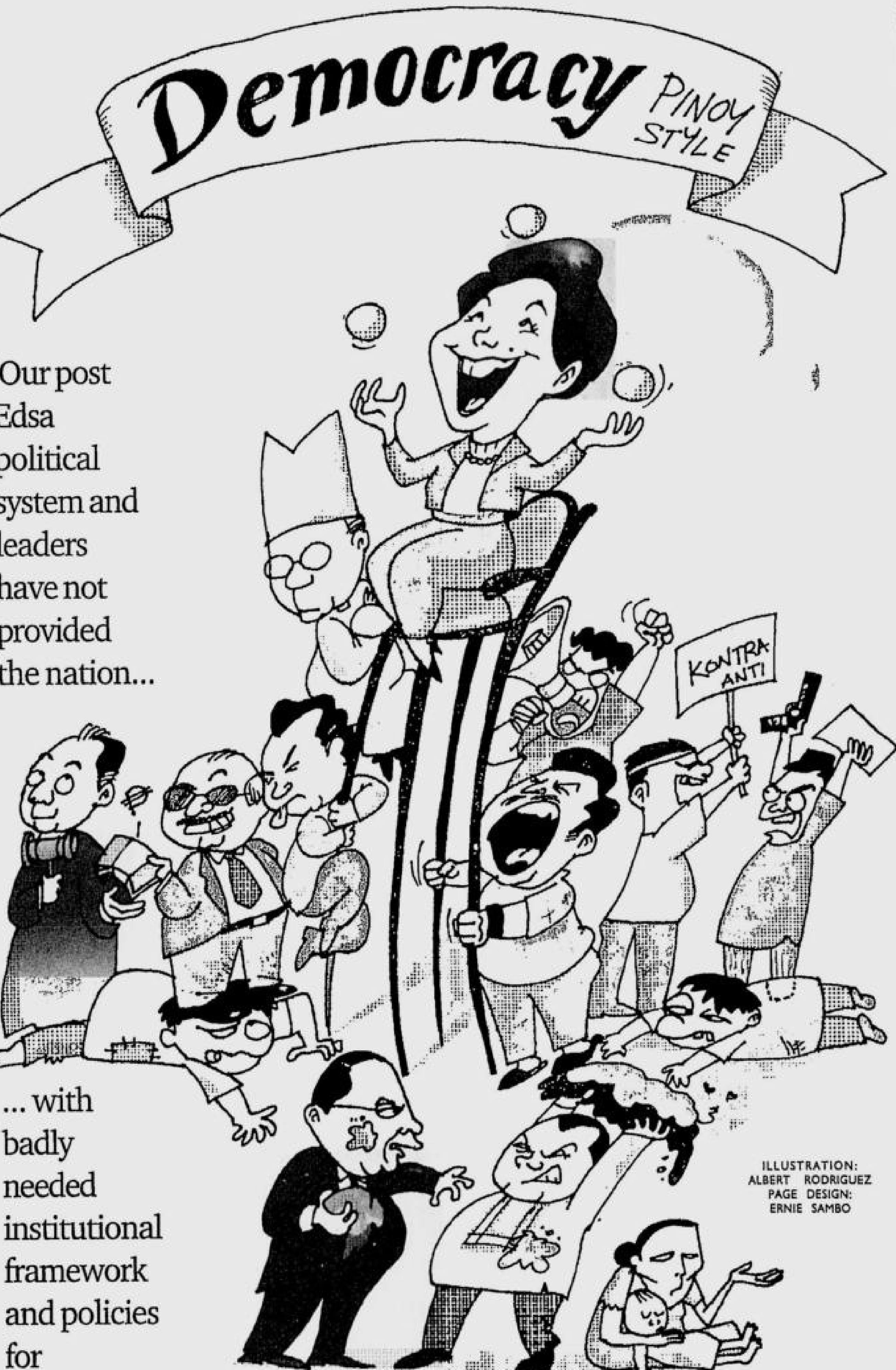
The silver lining is that more and more leaders in various walks of life are realizing that nothing less than the transformation of our political system is in order. This requires the revision of our present Constitution, basic reforms in our party system and electoral system, and appropriate policy changes. More than ever, the shift from presidential to parliamentary government and from the unitary to the federal system deserve to be taken seriously as ways of making a new beginning.

Also needed in the long term are societal change and the development of a civic culture of responsible leaders and responsible citizens. To meet these long-term requirements, appreciable progress in reducing poverty and achieving equitable economic growth is obviously necessary. This demands a virtuous cycle of reform and renewal.

Elsewhere, I summed up our monumental challenge as a nation as transforming our elitist, "electoral or procedural democracy" into a social and "substantive democracy." While the former merely indulges the elite and populist citizens in a diverting game of deception, the latter will be able to deliver to most people the tangible benefits of social, economic, political, cultural and spiritual development.

Finally, we should recognize the people's optimism and national pride, and their indomitable faith in God and in their ability to overcome.

'Our post Edsa political system and leaders have not provided the nation... ...with badly needed institutional framework and policies for overcoming our chronic and worsening problems'



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'Our legislature does not make policy; it makes deals'

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MORE than one third of Filipinos still believe in Philippine democracy? I never realized there were that many people who benefit from or believe in this crazy, mixed up political system we insist on calling a 'democracy.'

Of course most of our people are unhappy with our politics. Why shouldn't they? We elect movie actors with gross appetites, expel him through a street festival of music, and then consider yet another movie actor. Many people believe the most serious opposition contender for president ran a criminal gang into kidnapping, murder and drugs. We sell our votes to politicians, who then sell their souls to businessmen. Our legislature does not make policy; it makes deals.

The question should not be whether we still believe in Philippine democracy, it should be what is wrong with our politics, how we can reform it enough to deserve the name 'democracy,' and finally, who is willing to work for it.

The main problem with Philippine democracy is that it has been, and still, is dominated by a handful of families. We have limited the meaning of 'democracy' to a set of institutions, which mediate elite factional competition. Of course there are political rights (freedom of assembly, freedom of the press) without which you cannot have peaceful elite competition. But try to assert your right to freedom of assembly if you are urban poor in Tatalon, Quezon City or in Mayor Rodrigo Duterte's Davao City. See how far you get.

Then there's the problem of a super powerful president with more patronage resources than George Bush Jr. who has to buy and threaten and cajole local politicians into voting for him or her. Who is chair of a political party whose president she just fired, whose secretary general she's about to fire, whose former chair, a former president, she might have to accuse of gross corruption. Who sends her publicist to head another party, whose finances will be raised by the new father-in-law of her son.

It is clear that our political system needs major reengineering. We need to modernize our Neanderthal electoral system, which we might be able to accomplish only by impeaching a Neanderthal Comelec commissioner. We need to give the vote to our 'national hero' overseas Filipino workers. Most of all we need to reexamine our 1987 Constitution.

Two months ago the Political Summit of political parties unanimously approved a declaration calling for the start of the "process of building broad consensus on constitutional reform." I wholeheartedly agree that "it is now necessary to introduce major changes to the present Charter in a manner that is open, transparent and broadly participatory." This means "a Constitutional Convention elected in 2004 to propose the changes."

Doing this will give us two years to organize a full blown, nationwide consultative process. We can save on costs by electing delegates during the scheduled 2004 elections. Insisting on a Constituent Assembly especially one before 2004 is a formula for undercutting constitutional reform. Civil society, the Catholic Church, and big business will oppose such a move. President Macapagal-Arroyo and key members of the Senate have already come out against the Jaraula proposal.

There are many reasons for amending the 1987 Constitution. Many of the progressive provisions of the Constitution have not been implemented for lack of legislation. There are many unclear provisions starting with the amendment process itself.

We need to redesign our political system to make it more democratic, and our government more efficient.

In 1997 and again in 1999, we fought against constitutional reform. We rallied in the streets against 'Cha-cha' (Charter change) then because we saw that constitutional reform was being subordinated to partisan political interests. In both 1997 and 1999, ruling administrations initiated Cha-cha and looked set to control the process. This time, support for constitutional reform is bipartisan. More than 20 political parties signed the All Parties Conference declaration in May 2002. Constitutional reform is a good idea whose time has come.

The WORLD

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US: China could hit Taiwan rapidly

WASHINGTON—China is honing "credible options" to attack Taiwan and could move with scant warning against what it views as a US-backed rogue province, the Pentagon said on Friday.

Beijing feared Taiwan's permanent separation from the mainland could give a strategic foothold to the United States, the Defense Department said in a report to Congress.

Winning control over the self-governing island of 23 million people would let China move outward its defensive perimeter—a bulwark against what Beijing fears are US plans to divide and Westernize it, the report said.

Beijing considers Taiwan occupied by nationalist forces who lost China's civil war to the communists in 1949. Beijing says it must be united with the mainland, by force if necessary.

"China's doctrine is moving toward the goal of surprise, deception and shock effect in the opening phase of a campaign," said the Pentagon report. "China is exploring coercive strategies designed to bring Taipei to terms quickly."

Such options include possible air and missile campaigns or a naval blockade.

"With little warning, Beijing may choose to seize quickly a limited number of key facilities on Taiwan using amphibious or airborne forces as means to compel political capitulation," the Pentagon said.

Thanks largely to Russian arms supplies, Beijing was gaining "an increasing number of credible options to intimidate or actually attack Taiwan," it said.

China's growing clout also presented challenges to "other potential adversaries, such as the Philippines and Japan," the report said. China is at odds with the Philippines and others over boundaries in the South China Sea, and Beijing opposes any expansion of Japanese power in the region.

While seeking stable relations with Washington, Beijing will keep trying to curb Washington's influence in Asia and to prevent a "rebirth of Japanese militarism," the report said.

Preparing for a potential conflict in the 160-km wide Taiwan Strait is the "primary driver" for China's accelerating military modernization, it said.

Reuters

Taiwan has military edge in air, sea

WASHINGTON—Taiwan maintains a qualitative edge over Chinese forces in the air and at sea, but has only negligible defenses against China's ballistic missiles, a Pentagon report on Chinese military power released Friday said.

The report said China has more than 300 short-range ballistic missiles that can strike Taiwan. "This number will grow substantially over the next few years. Taiwan's ability to defend against ballistic missiles is negligible," it said.

At sea, the report said Taiwan's navy had the advantage over China.

It said the Taiwanese navy is well-run and well-equipped, but China has a much larger number of submarines that could pose a considerable torpedo and mine threat.

China also could use commercial merchant and fishing vessels to mine Taiwanese ports, and use anti-ship missiles on patrol boats and larger warships to strike Taiwanese vessels, the report said.

Taiwan, which has dominated the air over the Taiwan Strait for many years, today has four times as many advanced fighter aircraft as China, the report said.

"The PLAAF (People's Liberation Army Air Force) does not appear to be putting large numbers of aircraft in the air simultaneously, controlling large numbers of engagements, or sustaining high sortie rates for extended periods of operation," it said.

"Pilot proficiency is improving but China's best pilots lag behind their Taiwan counterparts in terms of capabilities," the report said.

"However, China's force modernization, weaponry, pilot training, tactics and command and control are beginning to erode Taiwan's qualitative edge," it said.

China is expected to acquire more advanced fighters and could use short-range ballistic missiles to target Taiwan's air defenses and air bases.

"Over the next several years, given current trends, China likely will be able to cause significant damage to all of Taiwan's airfields and quickly degrade Taiwan's ground based air defenses and associated command and control through a combination of short range ballistic missiles, land attack cruise missiles, special operations forces and other assets."

China's only ground forces advantage is its overwhelming size—provided they can be delivered to the battlefield, the report said.

Taiwan's ground forces will maintain an edge for ground combat on the main island unless China expands significantly its amphibious fleet.

"There is little discussion in the available Chinese literature of any need to develop such capabilities," the report said.

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QUESTION: DOES IT WORK?

Taiwanese inventor Huang Qingtang demonstrates his breast-enlarging machine at an international beauty fair in Shanghai July 11. Sweeping economic reforms over the past two decades have raised the incomes of many Chinese women eager to improve their appearance.

Village women paralyze oil giant in Nigeria

ESCRAVOS, Nigeria—Anunu Uwawah lets a small smile escape as she tells how she and a band of 150 village women shut down most of a multinational oil company's Nigeria operations for nearly a week.

Uwawah said the women from the Ugborodo and Arutan communities commandeered a ChevronTexaco staff ferry to sneak into the company's Escravos pipeline terminal on Monday. The unarmed women have occupied the terminal ever since, stopping export cargoes and trapping about 700 workers, including Americans, Britons, Canadians and Nigerians, inside.

More talks were slated Saturday to free the terminal and its workers.

The peaceful protest by unarmed women is a departure in Nigeria, where disputes often are settled with machetes and guns. In the oil-rich Niger Delta, armed young men routinely resort to kidnapping and sabotage to pressure oil companies into giving them jobs, protection money or compensation for alleged environmental damage.

In this case, the women say they want the company to hire their sons and provide electricity for their villages, some of which are less than 100 meters from the massive terminal.

"I was the leader of the air strip team," Uwawah said, during a break from a meeting Friday with ChevronTexaco officials aimed at ending the standoff.

"If any plane came, I would drive my people there and we circled it. We wouldn't let anyone come in or anyone go out," she said.

After her success on the airfield, she chased administrative staff out of the offices, Uwawah said. Other teams of women in bright printed skirts shut down the docks and the helicopter pads, she said.

ChevronTexaco's Nigerian unit said in a statement on Tuesday that the protesters' complaints were not justified—saying the oil giant both provides jobs to the local community and funds development projects.

Company spokesmen in Nigeria, Britain and the United States did not return calls Friday for further comment on the standoff.

On Wednesday, about 100 police and soldiers armed with assault rifles were sent to the terminal to protect the facility, but they were under strict orders not to harm the women, Delta state police commissioner John Ahmadu said.

Uwawah said the women weren't intimidated by security forces.

"If we die, Chevron will die with us," she said, as armed soldiers and police wearing life jackets emblazoned with the name "Chevron" milled about behind her.

The women, who came for the takeover armed only with bundles of food to eat, say they launched the protest on their own.

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Doctor saves babies with Viagra clone

BANGALORE, India—A doctor in southern India saved three sick newborn babies using a cloned version of the anti-impotence drug Viagra but now faces ethical questions for publicizing the treatment.

Dr P.V. Rajiv treated three "blue babies," suffering a lung problem that starves them of oxygen, with an Indian-made copy of the drug, said A.P.S. Krishnan, vice-president at the Amrita Institute of Medical Science and Research Center in the port city of Cochin in Kerala state.

"We saved the babies by giving sildenafil citrate, also called Viagra," he said. "They have gone home. They are doing well . . . Their parents are happy."

However medical colleagues from a non-governmental organization (NGO), Health Action by People, said Rajiv should have consulted an ethics committee before going public in the case.

"I don't doubt his intentions. But when you have an idea it is your duty to bring it before an ethical committee," said NGO spokesman Doctor Raman Kutty, based in Trivandrum, the Kerala state capital.

Viagra is made by US firm Pfizer Corp. Indian firms have been at the forefront of making copycat pills.

Krishnan said Dr. P.V. Rajiv first gave the drug orally to a baby suffering pulmonary hypertension, after consulting international journals that reported its use to treat adults in a similar condition. Blue babies have a condition that contracts vessels carrying oxygen-rich blood to the lungs.

Two more babies were then treated in a similar way, using a combination of the drug with nitric oxide, a traditional medicine which is expensive and involves using a ventilator.

"To our knowledge, nobody in the country has used this method (to treat children)," he said.

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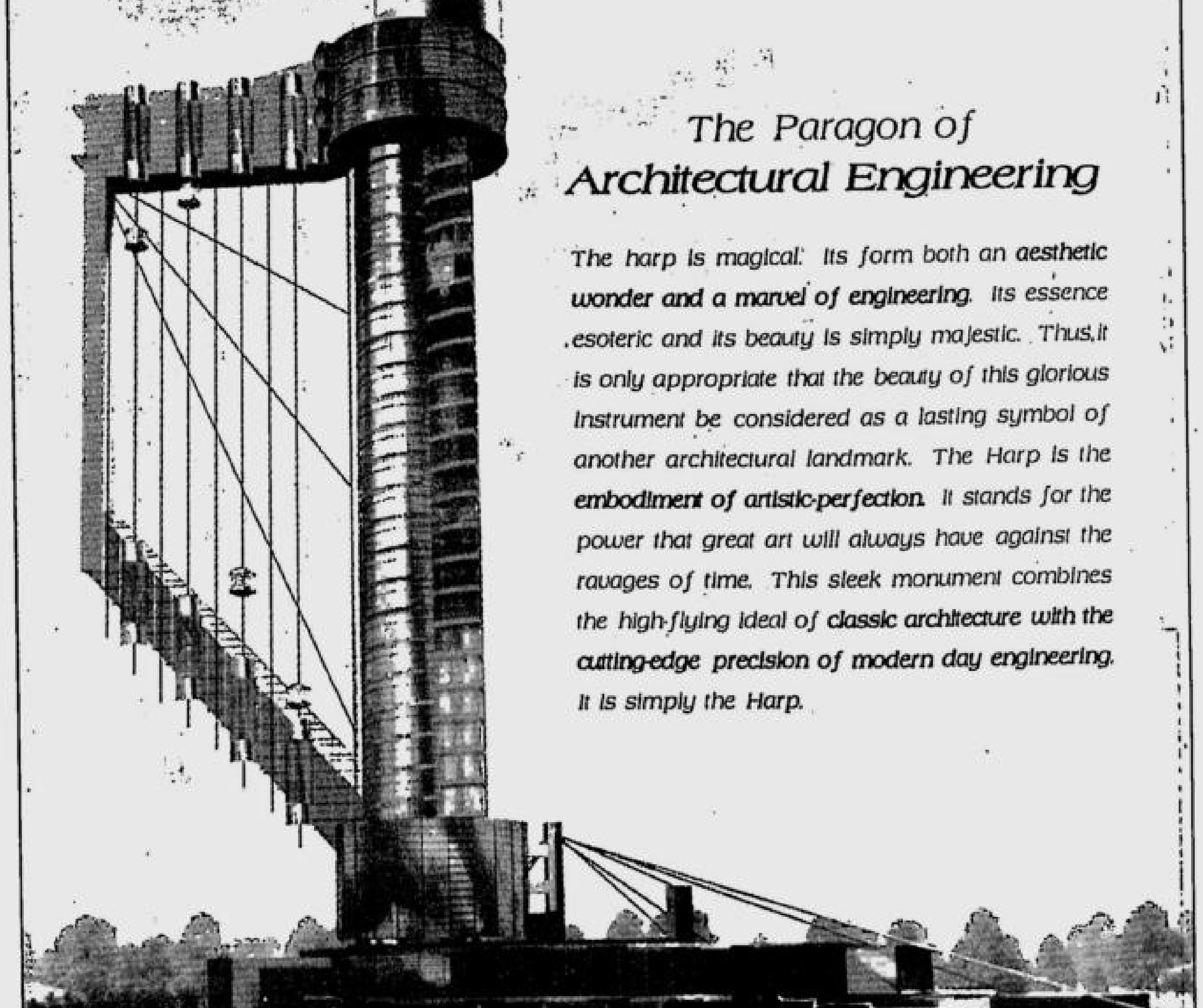

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US Senate bans loans similar to those which benefited Bush

WASHINGTON—Scrambling to restore confidence in American business, the Senate adopted a ban Friday on personal loans from companies to their top officials, a practice that benefited executives from Enron to WorldCom—and President George W. Bush as a Texas oilman.

The Senate move would prohibit such loans as a way to prevent conflicts of interest. The measure was approved as Bush met at the White House with his new financial crimes "SWAT team."

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, the chairman of that panel, pledged to go after corporate criminals "with vigor and an aggressive manner." He said hundreds of prosecutors have already opened an unspecified number of investigations across the country.

On Capitol Hill, a voice vote by senators was all it took to approve an amendment by Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat from New York, prohibiting companies from making personal loans to their top officials and directors. The ban was first proposed by Bush on Tuesday and cast as a means of preventing conflicts of interest.

"Time after time, cheating CEOs received no-interest loans from their companies, often to the tune of millions of dollars. And when the companies went broke or when the CEOs resigned, the money is often never paid back," Schumer said. "Why do executives at Adelphia, Enron and WorldCom need to borrow money from their stockholders? Why can't they go to the bank like everyone else?"

Other Senate votes on Friday cleared the way for passage early next week of legislation to impose new sanctions on corporate wrongdoing and tighten oversight of the accounting industry.

Senate approval of the Schumer amendment followed suggestions of hypocrisy that had the White House on the defensive about Bush himself benefiting from $180,000 in low-interest loans when he was a director of Harken Energy Corp. more than a decade ago.

Thompson, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt, Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller briefed Bush for 30 minutes at the White House after the task force convened its first meeting at the Justice Department.

Asked how widespread prosecutions might be, Pitt said officials won't know until after America's 1,000 biggest corporations respond to an SEC order to have chief executives and chief financial officers certify the validity of financial statements already on file.

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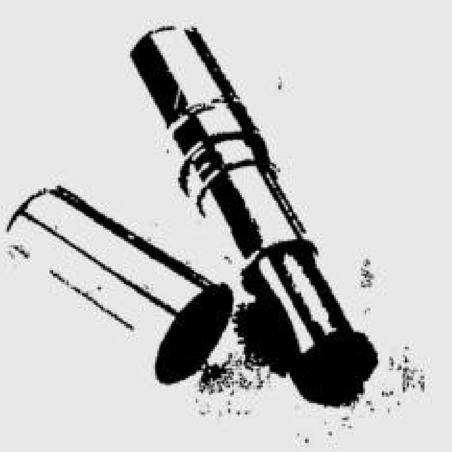


KISS OF DEATH AFP

This undated file photo shows the Lipstick Pistol created in 1965. The pistol, referred to as "The Kiss of Death," was employed by KGB operatives during the Cold War. This 4.5–single shot weapon was disguised as a tube of lipstick, easily hidden in a purse. The existence of such a weapon was first detected at a border crossing into West Berlin. This is one of over 200 spy devices which will be on display at The International Spy Museum which opens July 19 in Washington, DC.

what a character!

Council exempts US troops

UNITED NATIONS—The Security Council voted unanimously Friday to exempt American peacekeepers from prosecution by the new global criminal court for at least a year, ending US threats to veto peacekeeping missions.

The vote concluded one of the most contentious disputes between the United States and its closest allies as well as countries around the world over the criminal tribunal.

"This resolution respects those who have decided to submit to the International Criminal Court, and for one year it protects those of us who have not," said US Ambassador John Negroponte. But he warned it was only "a first step" and said any attempt by the court to detain an American would have "serious consequences." He added the United States will be seeking additional protections through bilateral agreements.

The resolution calls for a 12-month exemption in investigating or prosecuting peacekeepers who are from countries that don't support the court "if a case arises." It can be renewed every year.

The United States opposes the tribunal, arguing that it could be used by other countries for frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions of American troops.

"We cannot accept a structure that may transform the political criticism of America's world role into the basis for criminal trials of Americans who have put their lives on the line for freedom," Negroponte said.

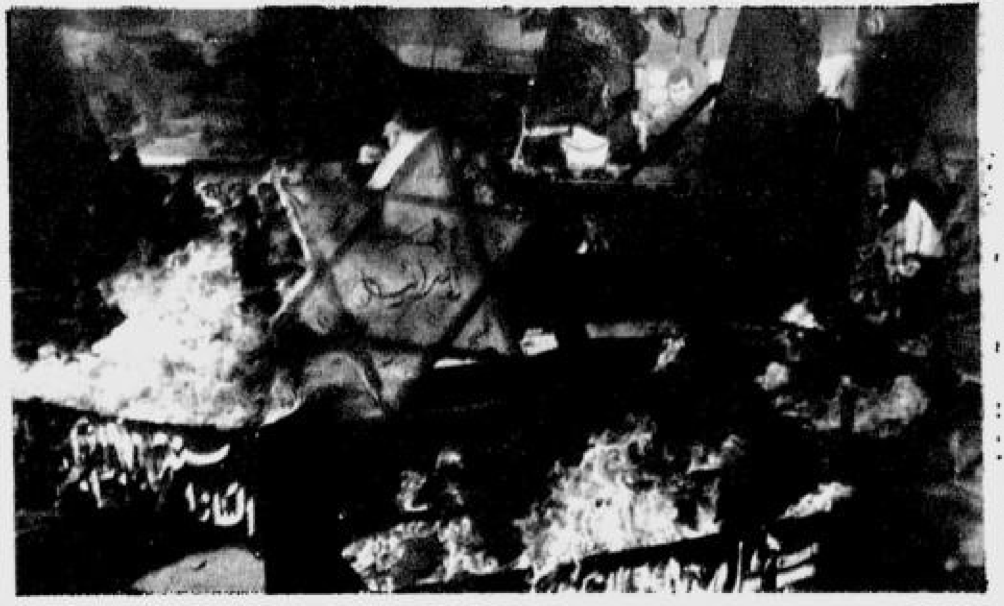
After approving the resolution, the council quickly extended the mandates of the 1,500-strong UN police training mission in Bosnia and the small observer mission in the Croatian enclave of Prevlaka. Both were set to expire on Monday.

The exemption applies not only to the 15 current peacekeeping missions but also to the Nato-led forces in Bosnia and Kosovo which are authorized by the United Nations.

The court's supporters said the resolution did not violate the treaty that established the tribunal, though some countries argued it undermined the court.

Canada's UN Ambassador Paul Heinbecker claimed the resolution didn't have the support of many countries outside the Security Council.

"We think this is a sad day for the United Nations," he said. "It's not appropriate to create two classes of people under international law, one which is for peacekeepers and one rule for everybody else." **AP**



NO RESPITE IN MIDDLE EAST REUTERS

Islamic militant group Hamas supporters burn an Israeli Star of David during an anti-US and Israeli rally in Noserat refugee camp in Gaza Strip July 12. Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian policeman and a 13-year-old boy in the Gaza Strip on Friday and two Palestinians hit by Israeli gunfire in the West Bank this week died in a hospital, Palestinian officials said.

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Cavite bishop appeals for 26 sacked workers

IMUS, Cavite—The bishop of the Imus, Cavite diocese has appealed to the Department of Labor and Employment, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) and the management of a Japanese-owned company in General Trias town to reinstate 26 dismissed workers, 22 of whom were earlier detained for alleged trumped-up charges.

Bishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle made his written appeals to the three entities after the 26 accused company workers of Sanno Philippine Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC) went to his office to solicit assistance.

A court found 22 of the 26 workers innocent.

On July 7, Tagle wrote Masao Hoshino, president of SPMC located in General Trias town, saying: "as bishop and pastor of these (accused) workers, I am appealing to your good office and your goodwill to please open the lines of communication and negotiation with them."

"For the good of all, especially of the poor, let us listen to one another. I am appealing to you for the lifting of the preventive suspension levied upon them," wrote Tagle.

He further asked the SPMC president to clear the workers' names, the way the court did, and reinstate them to their positions.

The prelate also made similar appeals to both Dole Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas and Peza Director-General Lilia de Lima to help mediate between the workers and the management.

Municipal Trial Court Judge Lerio Castigador of General Trias recently issued a warrant of arrest against the 26 employees based on complaints of qualified theft filed by the SPMC management, which led to the arrest of 22 of them on June 13.

Castigador, however, in his decision on June 24, dismissed the case for lack of probable cause.

The presiding judge gave weight to the employees' assertions that the charges filed by their employer were trumped up and meant to harass and bust their union.

The workers, however, complained that despite the dismissal of the case, the company continued to put them "under preventive suspension."

This prompted them to appeal in writing to the company president, vehemently denying that they were involved in the theft of gold in the company.

"We have already suffered from your baseless and false accusation. Your criminal complaint against us has already been dismissed by the court for lack of evidence, hence the company has no more reason and basis not to lift the preventive suspension given us," said the workers, who are members of the Samahan ng mga Manggagawa sa Sanno.

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'Bayanihan' amid floods

By Tonette Orejas
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MINALIN, Pampanga—On Thursday, Oscar Lagazon raced against time. In less than five minutes of non-stop shoveling, he filled up an empty rice sack with sand.

Dondi, his neighbor, was also fast. In seconds, he sealed the sack with a tight knot and readied the next empty sack. The next man, more brawny than the two, lugged the bulging sandbag on his shoulder.

All the sandbags went into a 200-meter gap along the San Francisco Dike here, which had been breached by floodwaters on Monday at the height of Typhoon "Gloria."

Lagazon and more than 100 men, scattered like a busy army along the banks, had worked since Monday to plug the ruptured dike and wad the eroded sections also with sandbags.

They did this to prevent floodwaters, which had entered Barangay Bulac through the breached portions, from spilling to Barangays Sta. Catalina and San Francisco.

"Like an army company without arms, just warm bodies," was how Mayor Edgar Flores called his people's live-saving effort.

Like the others, Lagazon, already in his 60s, shivered from the long hours of laboring under the rains on Thursday but there was not a word of complaint from him. "We have to do this or the villages will be swamped with water," he said before shoveling sand into another sack. He has lost track of the number of sacks he has filled.

But he has not lost count of the many disasters that have plagued his village, which is at the border of Bacolor, the town that lahar buried.

Mt. Pinatubo's eruptions in 1991 dumped sand and ash in the village. "As high as your knee," he recalled. Then came the yearly lahar flows that buried the village by three meters. Lagazon, a fisherman, lost the San Francisco River and the mangroves there to volcanic sediments. While the two villages are higher now as lahar piled up yearly, the rest of Minalin is regularly submerged in two to three feet of water that lasts for two to four months.

Although spared from flood, Sta. Catalina and San Francisco always faced that threat. The San Francisco Dike is only made up of compacted earth, receiving no upgrading since it was built in 1993, according to Flores.

Yearly since 1993, the rainy season has seen Lagazon and the men in Sta. Catalina and San Francisco in what may be called the "ritual of sandbagging."

"Every year, we always fortify the dike with sandbags. For us, the rainy season is not a time to relax. We are tired when it rains. Our neighbors are always anxious because we know that there would be damage on the dike," Lagazon said in Kapampangan.

The women did not just sit it out. They fortified the eroded section of the dike with Ipil-Ipil branches. Others cooked and shared what little food there was, served meals, offered coffee now and then and made sure their men did not get sick from the long hours of exposure to the rain.

The nights were not the time to rest. Men and women among village officials kept watch, with some stationed in chapels, ready to toll the bells in case of an emergency.

"Instead of the dike protecting us, we protect the dike so that it secures us from the floods," Lagazon said.

Bayanihan, the positive Filipino value of working together, is keeping Sta. Catalina and San Francisco safe in the last seven days of non-stop rains and rising floodwaters, Flores said.

It could not have been nerve-wracking and tiresome to the residents had the Department of Public Works and Highways fortified the dike with concrete, he said.

Of late, he said the situation would not have been adverse had the DPWH not close the Madalumdum channel toward nearby Guagua town.

The DPWH temporarily blocked the waterway so workers would pour concrete on a new dike leading to Guagua for a Japanese-funded anti-lahar project.

The water from the San Fernando City, Pampanga's capital, drained out into the Guagua portion of the channel.

With the closure of the channel, Flores said water from rivers in Angeles City, Mexico, City of San Fernando and Sto. Tomas and the Pasig-Potrero River gushed toward the San Francisco River.

That caused the Bulac section of the dike there to breach, flooding Bulac and threatening to submerge the two adjacent villages.

The river could not take in so much water because dredging for the Third River, an artificial waterway, had hardly reached upstream toward the mouth of the Pampanga River.

The drowning of Jason Bunggay, 17, last Monday prompted the residents to press the DPWH to open the channel. The DPWH did listen.

It reopened the Guagua channel on midnight Tuesday, easing the threat of floods, or lahar in case of stronger rains, in the villages.

Still, Flores said floodwaters rose due to the continuous downpour. He said *bayanihan* does work for now but that certainly isn't enough to put in place a dike that is stable and every bit a life-protective structure.

Military warns of NPA rebel alliance with Balweg militia

BAGUIO CITY—Supporters of slain rebel priest Conrado Balweg will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Cordillera Administrative Region on Monday at Mt. Data in Mt. Province with a Damocles sword hanging over them.

A peace initiative sent to the New People's Army by Ernesto Garado, who succeeded Balweg as Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CPLA) chief, is "reason enough" for the military to draw its ranks together against this "new alliance." This was relayed by the military to a meeting of the regional peace and order council (RPOC) here on Monday

The RPOC meeting was attended by Rogelio Pureza, secretary-general of the National Peace and Order Council and vice chair of the National Police Commission.

The military report detailed how the new NPA-CPLA alliance had become a new security threat to the region.

It also claimed that the new alliance was instrumental in fueling a recently concluded tribal conflict between border villages of Kalinga and Mt. Province, to derail the integration of 264 militiamen into the Armed Forces.

The report referred to the seven-month long conflict between the Betwagan and Butbut tribes, which supposedly involved tribesmen now belonging to the CPLA, NPA, AFP and even the police.

The conflict was settled by a tribal ceasefire ritual on May 20, said Kalinga Rev. Luis Aoas, peace officer of Kalinga Gov. Macario Duguiang.

The military claimed that the NPA and its alliance with "disgruntled" CPLA members loyal to Balweg used the tribal war to disrupt the training of 264 militiamen.

The militiamen compose two breakaway CPLA factions, led by Abra town Mayor Mailed Molina and Abrino Aydinan, former Department of Agrarian Reform director in the Cordillera and Cagayan Valley.

But Garado told the INQUIRER on Thursday that the NPA rebels are only being invited to seal a *sipat* (ceasefire), similar to what Balweg's CPLA had with Malacañang.

"We want to end these wars. We want all of the sectors to come together for a last attempt at obtaining autonomy for the Cordillera, before Congress finds it feasible to remove the autonomy provisions from the 1986 Constitution," said Garado.

The CPLA members still loyal to Balweg plan to hold their celebration in Mt. Data, where Balweg and former President Corazon Aquino signed the first peace settlement after the 1986 Edsa Revolution.

Aquino signed in 1987 Executive Order 220, which created the CAR, a transitory government that was supposed to pave the way for the Cordillera's eventual autonomy.

In a press statement, Garado said winning the Left's support to this "last-ditch" campaign for autonomy was crucial because it was the Cordillera Peoples Alliance which lobbied successfully for the constitutional provision creating autonomous regions for the Cordillera and Muslim Mindanao. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

19 fall ill after eating shell fish

By Romy G. Amarado
PDI Visayas Bureau

BAIS CITY, Negros Occidental—Nineteen persons from at least three coastal barangays here were brought to the hospital from June 25 to July 8 after eating shell products infected with red tide.

The shell products were taken from the Bais North and South Bay that was found to be positive with red tide due to the presence of the microorganism called dino flagellate (*pyrodinium bahamense* variety compresson), said city information officer Cindy Grace Cabio, quoting a report from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Central Visayas.

A report from the Bais City District Hospital showed that the victims experienced dizziness, numbness and vomiting after eating sea shells, particularly green shells, locally known as *tahong*.

The victims were from the villages of San Isidro, Tamiso and Binohan.

Of the 19 victims, six were confined for several hours, while the rest were treated as out patients. Immediate medical attention saved their lives, Cabio said.

Cabio said Teresita Lazarte, chief of the BFAR Central Visayas regional laboratory, personally headed the team that inspected Bais Bay since Monday.

She said Lazarte told city officials the red tide might have been caused by the heavy downpour and floods in the past few weeks that carried harmful elements or toxic materials from the high ground to the sea.

Cabio said Lazarte recommended that bivalve shells such as oyster shells, *sisi* and *lamperong* should not be eaten at this time.

Fish taken from the bay may be eaten but should be washed thoroughly, Cabio said.

The city government is launching a massive information campaign to alert the public against eating bivalve shells harvested from the bay.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and the Western sections of Visayas and Mindanao will experience Monsoon Rains. The rest of the country will be cloudy with rains and thunderstorms.

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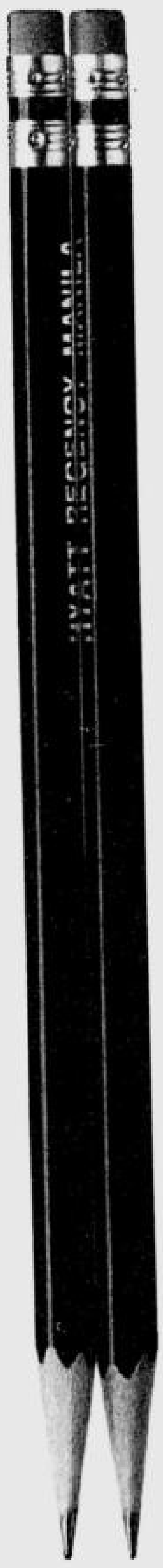

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CASA ALEGRE

The house that David built

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Malaybalay City

MALAYBALAY City in Bukidnon is the place for that away-from-it-all weekend.

Known for its sunny, cool climate, it has many treasures like sprawling green hills where cattle graze all day and local cowboys race each other if they are not minding the cows or branding them.

It is likewise famous for its fresh pineapples, a variety of flowers and vegetables peddled at dirt-cheap prices, and ground coffee sold at the Benedictine Monastery of the Transfiguration.

Farther up Malaybalay's well-paved highway about two and a half hours of brisk, steady climb by car from Cagayan de Oro City lies another treasure, man-made this time, in Barangay Cabangahan. It is a three-story house dominated by nine statues of robust men holding up its roofs reminiscent of caryatids.

Tower of David

Construction of the house began in 1948 and was completed in 1960 at a cost of P1.7 million. It became alternately known as Casa Alegre and "Ang Torre ni David" after its late owner, a rich farmer, David M. Valmorida.

That Tuesday morning as soon as our group arrived before the big, rectangular house, we crossed the wide expanse of lawn where a menagerie of cement-coated carvings stood guard.

One of David's children, Gregorio or "Boy," spotted us just as he was coming out of the front porch in his working clothes on his way to his flower and vegetable garden beside Casa Alegre.

A friendly and loquacious 46-year-old bachelor, Boy, who had thrown out his Physical Therapy degree from the University of the Philippines in Manila to go back to gardening and farming, dropped everything that morning to show us around.

In a rush of nostalgia, he regaled us about the house and its builder, his late father David, who, it seemed, had lived like Jove.

David had watched people at work and presided over many of the barangay's activities, especially during fiestas. It had been his practice to give at least "five kilos of beef" to each of his poor tenants so they could have something to celebrate for the fiesta.

Fun house

A glance at the house's layout and at the sign "Casa Alegre" etched on the front porch wall made us guess that David must have envisioned it as a fun house when he commissioned a Spanish carver, Mateo Caluna, who was married to a local belle, to give the atmosphere of a Neverland that could rival Peter Pan's.

During its glory days, the lawn boasted of slides, swings and a carousel.

The wooden bench is still on the lawn, but the seated figure of a woman who used to keep watch over the Valmorida children romping around the carved, exotic animals is no longer there.

"Papa did not want us to travel far to enjoy a carnival so he provided us with a playground," Boy said.

As we moved into the anteroom, we got a glimpse of the spacious sala and kitchen, but our attention was drawn toward a pastiche of colorful designs on the cement floor, complemented by a bright colored floral frieze on the walls.

Our hunch was correct. David had wanted a semblance of Neverland even if Boy insisted that the house symbolized hard work and "man's sacrifices," pointing at the male statues carved from wood and coated with a cement finish.

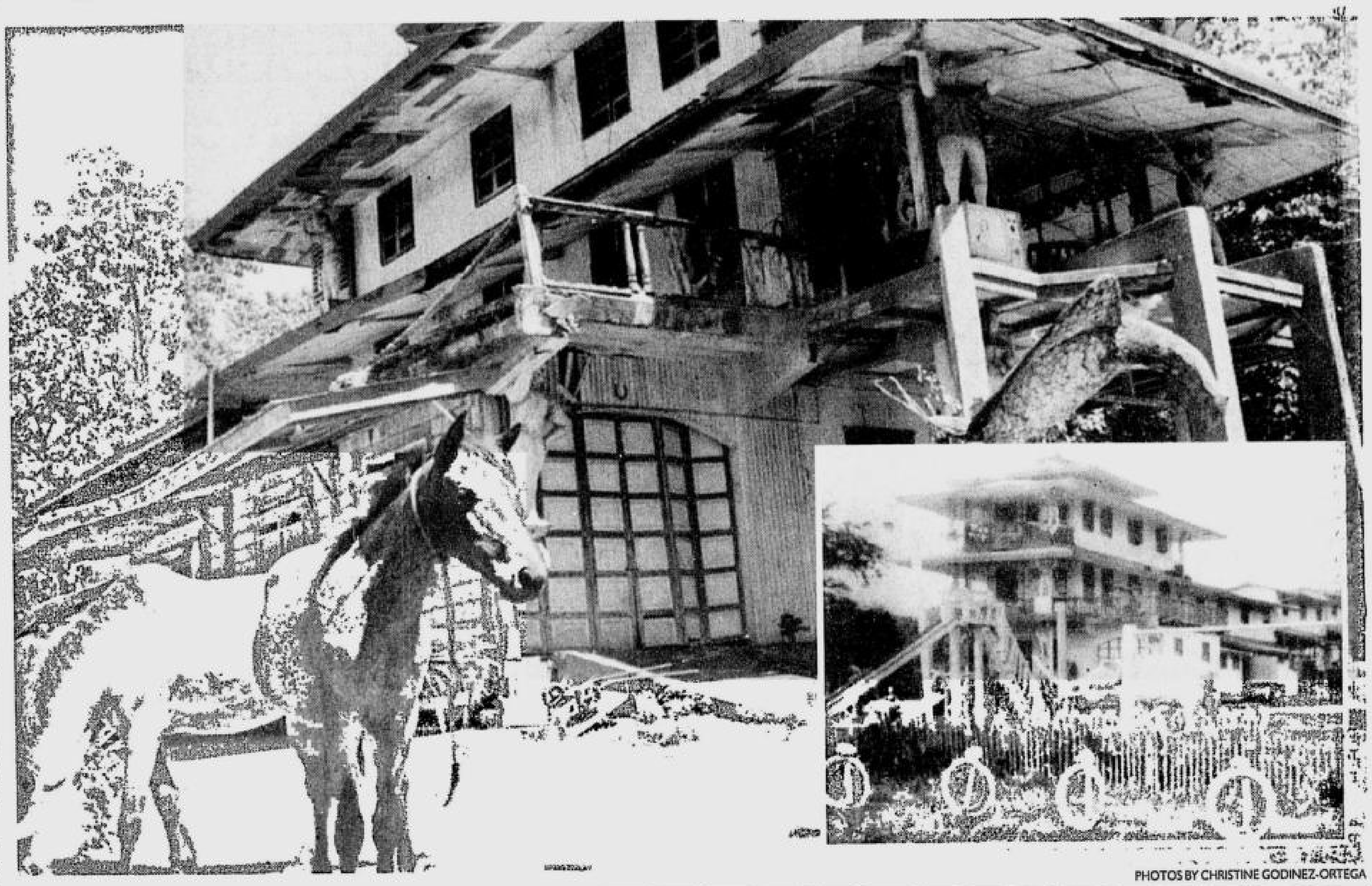
Stars

Two large stars on the floor made us wonder at their significance because a smaller, third star on the landing of the first floor repeated the pattern. Opening his hand, Boy tried to convince us that he, too, has a star on his palm, hence his being appointed keeper of the house. Well, we thought, they must be the stars of whimsy of this David, son of Malaybalay.

Our serendipitous experience started when we took the narrow, steep stairs made of tugas (molave) to check out the house's quaint interiors. Each floor has its own sala with wide windows in frosted glass, while pieces of carved, narra furniture and brass bric-a-brac filled up some spaces.

Above the bedroom doors are wooden carvings and the ceilings have colorful flower ornamentations. Wood-wrought balustrades and other baroque motifs common among colonial houses fill the balcony and doors.

Like his Biblical namesake, David had several children (more than 18) by many women. Boy, one of three children by his mother, painted his old man as a skirt chaser though he considers David's wife, Helena Villegas (now deceased), as his mother because "she raised me in this house."



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CASA Alegre or Ang Torre ni David as it stands today. Casa Alegre during its heyday (inset). Note the playground, the carved airplane on its rooftop, the adjoining apartments and the tower of the house. (reproduced from an old photograph)

According to Boy, Helena managed the Valmorida household and the family's rice and corn mill, quiet and rundown today beside the house.

Rich harvests in the past helped finance the construction of David's house that gave free rein to his fantasies.

Unfortunately, we were at least 15 years late in coming for David died in 1986 at age 79.

We will never be certain now who, for instance, the robust and mustachioed male figures were modeled after. Looking like laborers or circus performers wearing uniformed outfits, all the male figures have short hair, except for those on the second floor that have shoulder-length hair.

Leisurely lifestyle

Above where the national flag hangs on the balcony of the second floor is an arch of okir-inspired carvings that simply takes one's breath away for it suggests the leisurely lifestyle of the Valmoridas in a farm with all the amenities of city life.

On this same floor, we walked through a narrow corridor where a wooden staircase with open-mouthed snakes for railings lead to a dead end. It used to be the entrance to five adjoining apartments topped by tiered roofs that is blocked off by the sixth and seventh apartments designed like a tower.

A nude carving of a woman with a full figure but its right arm missing kneels on the stair landing.

It was our mistake not to have asked if Malaybalay already had inns or hotels in the 1950s, but certainly, it was David's bright idea to have built apartments for his growing brood and for guests who often came to visit.

Tourist attraction

Edwin Un, a Malaybalay resident and bank employee, remembers bringing his classmates from Cebu to David's house after a swim in the nearby streams of the Nasuli and Matin-aw.

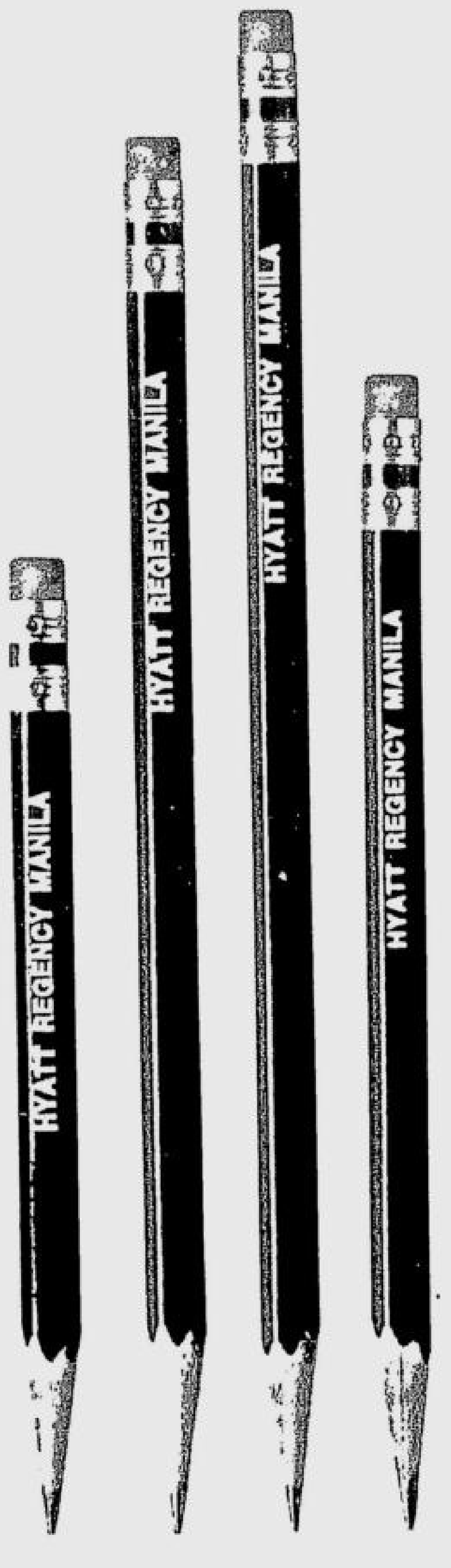
"The Valmorida house was then turning out to be a tourist attraction," Edwin said.

He described David as a rich farmer who owned about 100 hectares of farmland, which have since been divided among his children. Some lots were said to have been donated to the barangay as sites for a church, a basketball court and a day-care center.

The Valmorida playground, especially the animal figures, evokes poignant memories for Edwin. It never fails to attract visitors and, according to Edwin, the old man David welcomed everybody.

Casa Alegre was renovated in the 1970s, but it was damaged by a typhoon a decade later. The adjoining apartments later collapsed, leaving only the main house. Its other attraction, a life-sized carving of an airplane on the rooftop, was similarly lopped off by the strong winds.

The house, which is sorely in need of repair, still stands on top of a hill. It has become the memorial of a man who may have lived a complicated life but was, in fact, a little boy at heart.



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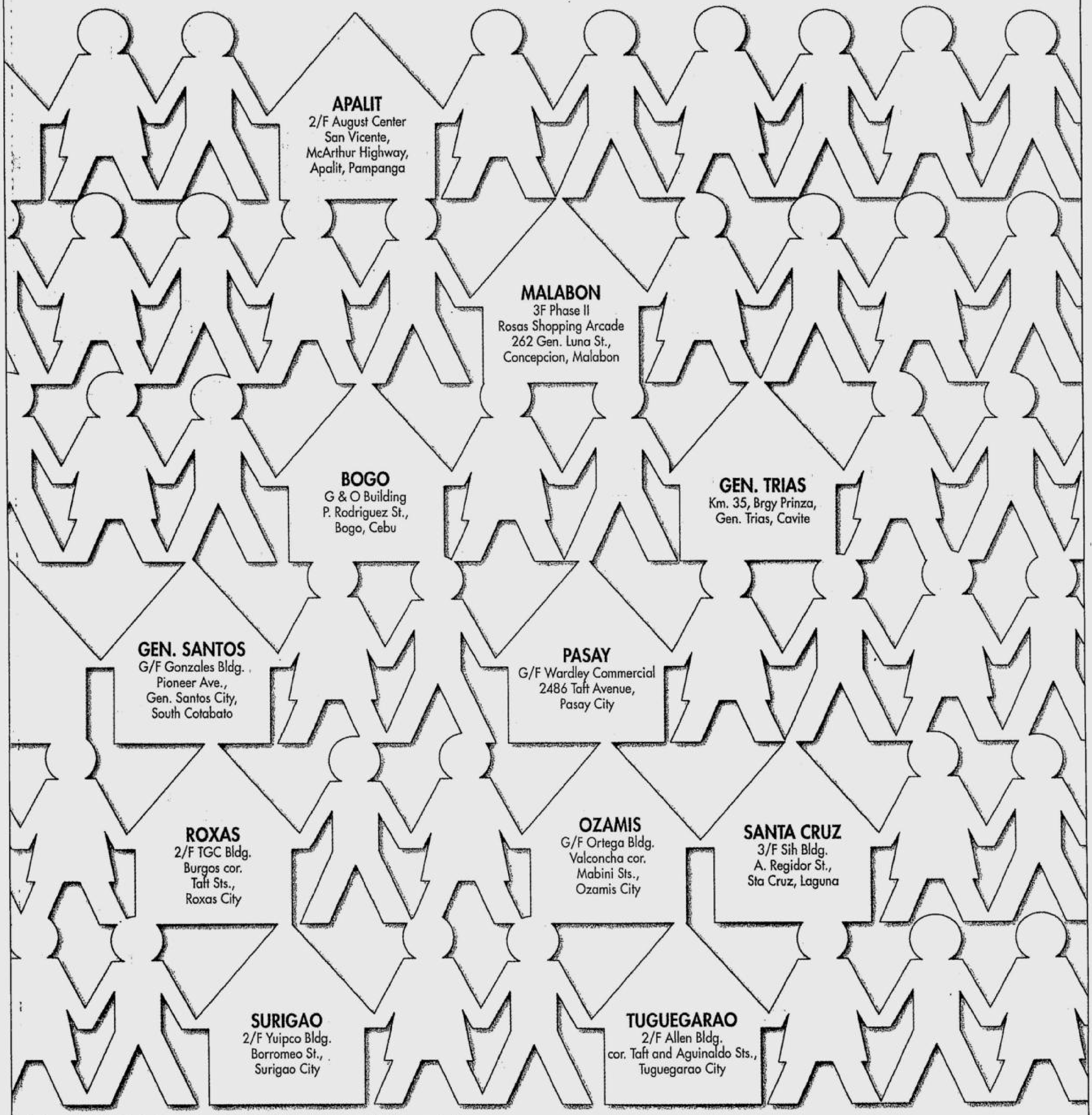

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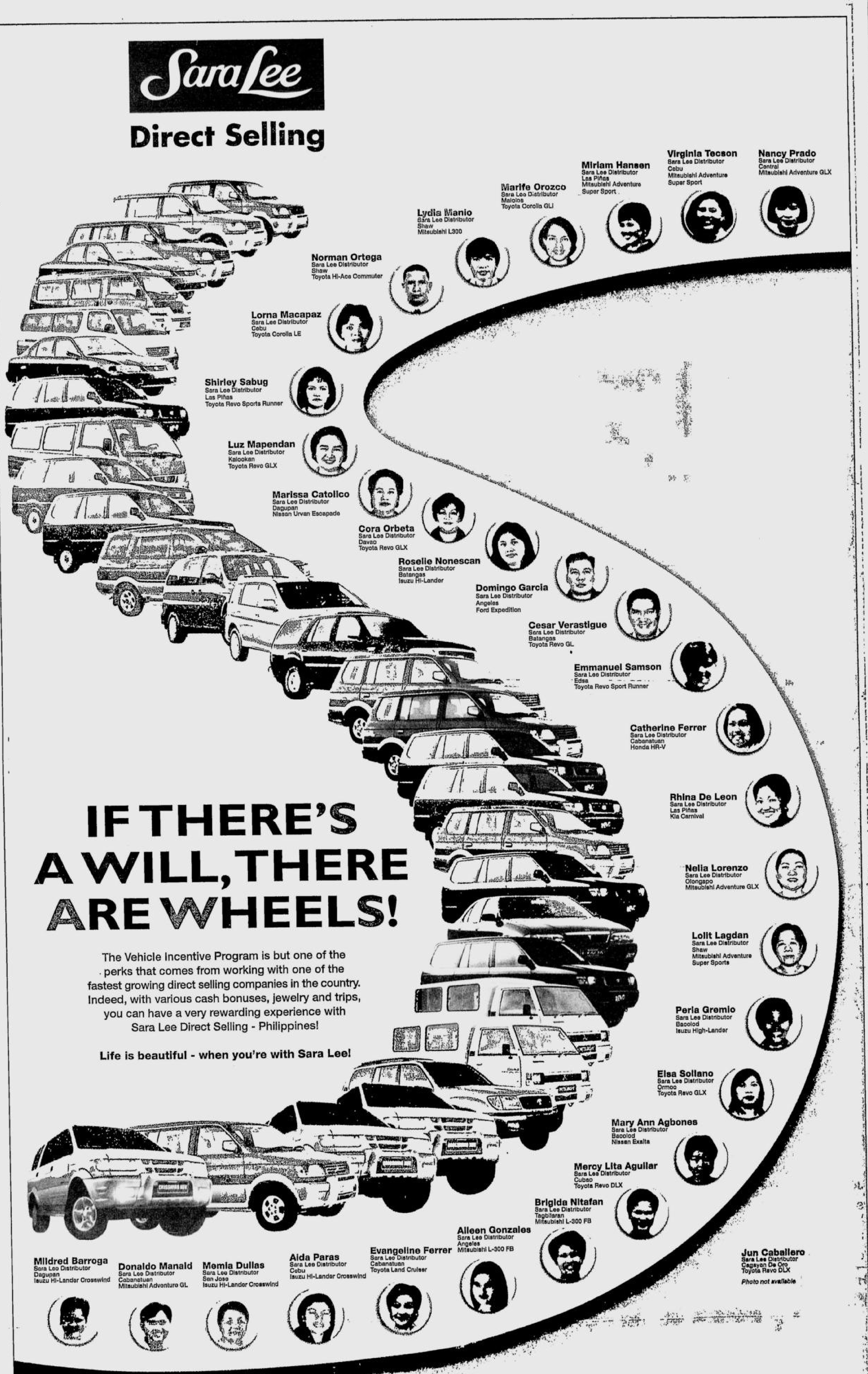

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This candidate not for adult politics

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Her phone rings but she ignores it, and from nowhere, her 35-year-old mother appears to take the call.

Protective Myrna, a single mother and a self-made businesswoman, tries not to get in the way but clearly adores her only child.

Asked where the campaign funds came from, Myrna says: "We get everything from friends. They donate posters, T-shirts. We don't take money."

Except for one very generous campaign contributor: Shina's father Shigero, a Japanese businessman who, Myrna says, was initially worried about his child's entry into politics.

"He said no at first because he thinks politics in the Philippines is dirty, all about money," Myrna says.

"I told him no, this is children's politics (*pambata*)," she adds, laughing.

Family and friends

From the looks of it, this campaign is a family-and-friends affair.

Myrna confers with her friend Cita Gonzales to finalize the details of the day's motorcade. They are trying to hook up with barangay candidates from San Roque, a squatter area between Agham Road and Edsa that somehow became attached to Barangay Bagong Pagasa.

The cook prepares ingredients for a huge *pancit* feast as posters and T-shirts donated by supporters are being painted in Myrna's talent promotion center downstairs. The stairs are lined with plastic containers filled with paste.

At the family living room on the second floor, some important visitors wait.

In the garage, a Starex van and an owner-type jeep fitted with a bullhorn are being plastered with posters of Shina and her seven teammates.

Outside, "Shina Dimaculangan for SK chair" streamers call the attention of residents and passersby.

The color orange

Shina's SK teammates—San Roque residents Alfredo Vergara Jr., Benedict Cruz, Ana Marie Gacer and Reymon Boletche; Ellen Grace Gonzales, daughter of the campaign "directress;" and Maribel Tamondong and Homer Supe—arrive at around 8 a.m.

The team has no name. Its only distinction from the rival teams is the orange blazer worn by each member—an indication of San Roque's reputation as a bastion of ousted President Joseph Estrada, whose favorite color is orange.

In the barangay's politics, San Roque with its teeming population makes or breaks candidates.

Shina and her group are joining a motorcade of barangay candidates of Pagasa's reelectionist chair, Josie Ronquillo, around the village.

Ronquillo herself is not around, in keeping with the non-partisan spirit of the barangay and SK elections.

VOTE
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"ATE SHINA," children of San Roque in North Triangle, Bagong Pag-Asa Quezon City, call out to the candidate with her running mate Alfredo Vergara Jr.

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Shina is careful to point this out: "I do not belong to a barangay team because the SK is independent."

Myrna also stresses that Ronquillo does not support Shina's team, although she confesses that she would vote for Ronquillo as chair.

The motorcade winds up in the barangay's covered court for lunch.

After lunch and despite the heavy rains, Shina's team breaks from the barangay candidates and head to San Roque where, she says, she found her inspiration to run.

"I've been here seven times and I really enjoyed my visits," she says. "I've heard that a lot of trouble happens here, but I am really touched by the children."

Led by Vergara, the candidates wave to and shake hands with residents and vendors crowding the small road traversing the length between Agham and Edsa.

Shina and Vergara discreetly take us aside to whisper that we keep our cell phones in our pocket as we snake our way through the cluster of houses and shanties.

Suddenly, noisy youngsters materialize from somewhere and besiege the candidates. They surround Shina in particular and chant "Ate Shina!" as she gamely walks with them in a tight bunch.

'Pogi'

Small boys shout at Vergara—"Pogs! Pogs!"—a senior at the Quezon City High School and their very own.

Vergara shyly admits that the name means "pogi" or handsome. But he says he prefers to be called JR.

While Shina comes from the middle class, JR is of humbler stock. He and his parents and seven siblings have been residents of San Roque for 10 years.

But one could say they have been more fortunate than their neighbors.

Alfredo Vergara Sr., an orphan from Batangas, took on various jobs in the big city and eventually put up his own denim tailoring shop that has supported the education of all his eight children.

JR proudly points us to his modest house and introduces us to his parents and siblings, who happily watch the candidates passing by.

"I envy him for having experienced something like this at a young age," Alfredo Sr. says.

He describes JR as a very good son and student, which was why he was happy to give his consent when the boy broached the idea of running for the SK.

Sounding mature for his 15 years, JR spells out his reason for running.

"Here where we live, the youth are almost all jobless, all standbys," he says matter-of-factly in Filipino. "They're hooked on fraternities and are a burden to their parents. Their lives are almost worthless."

"I am running for them and their parents," he declares, adding that if he wins, he will initiate a seminar to train the San Roque youth and their parents for small businesses.

JR's fellow candidate Ana Marie Gacer also wants to give something back to San Roque.

Ana Marie, 17, is an architecture freshman at the Technological Institute of the Philippines in Cubao, Quezon City.

Her mother is secretary of the San Roque Homeowners-Neighborhood Association.

Ana Marie says that the lack of livelihood and education is the biggest problem of San Roque residents, and that this has taken a toll most severely on the children and the youth.

"Many of our youth have taken to bad habits," she says.

In her own little way, Ana Marie says she is prepared to help the San Roque youth "in their school assignments."

Struggle

Shina herself displays a familiarity with San Roque's colored history, and has taken on its people's language of struggle.

"Here, they are fighting for the land they live on," she says. "When Gloria (Macapagal-Arroyo) came here, she said she would not say yes or no (to their request to own the land) but will put up a task force (to study the matter)."

Thus, she says, San Roque residents live every day "with fear in their hearts."

She even says a big business conglomerate had already bought the land.

"I hope the President will help the poor in San Roque who need her help," Shina says. "So many families will lose their homes if they are evicted."

According to Shina, San Roque residents love Estrada because "he really helps the poor."

San Roque is a stone's throw away from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center where the ousted President is detained.

Last Labor Day, which also marked the first anniversary of the bloody siege of Malacañang by Estrada supporters, the Macapagal administration stole the thunder from Estrada by busing San Roque residents to the Nayong Pilipino.

Yes, Shina's campaign platform is focused here.

She says she wants to put up a small place with computers for the grade school children, and also to spearhead a business seminar for Pagasa youth and their parents to help them find some means of livelihood.

She is planning a garbage recycling project and a clean-and-green campaign for the barangay youth.

"We want to help the youth spend their time on fruitful things instead of vices," she says, adding that this would need volunteers.

No to scrapping

Shina disagrees with proposals to scrap the supposedly useless SK.

"I am against that because our officials do not pay attention to depressed areas," she says. "If we have the SK, we can help our communities get appropriate help."

Like any teenager growing up in a comfortable environment, Shina used to frown on her mother's civic orientation.

Myrna helps a Laguna-based family foundation that donates school materials, food and other supplies to needy areas. She and her family help send some relatives to school and, every Christmas, she distributes gifts to residents of Pagasa and San Roque.

"Now I understand why she likes to help. It makes you feel good," Shina says.

But the teenager says she will not pursue politics: "I don't like adult politics because we always hear of corruption. In our case, since we are young we are not drawn to corruption but only to what we can do for our peers."

Fittingly, Richard Nalupta, chair of the National SK Federation, urged SK voters to ignore candidates endorsed by politicians "because they won't be representing the interest of the youth but the selfish interest of politicos."

Nalupta lamented that the Commission on Elections has allowed local politicians to endorse candidates, "legalizing political intervention" in the SK.

He called on all SK voters—from 15 to below 18—to vote tomorrow, saying: "We should have a say in governance, being the biggest sector in the population."

Nalupta said that despite official pessimism about the SK, a total of 2,507,389 qualified voters registered this year out of the 5.1 million youth in the age bracket—the biggest turnout of SK registrants in its history.

Comelec: Suspend polls in flooded places

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in Navotas, Malabon, Valenzuela and Quezon City.

"Who would vote on such a day with this (weather) condition?" Abalos said. "Probably only the candidates for barangay captain will cast their ballots considering they are the ones who have an interest in these elections."

He said that the ordinary voters were unlikely to go out and vote, and that the elections were "meaningless."

Abalos acknowledged that the decision made by the Comelec in an en banc session did not sit well with certain candidates.

But he pointed out that in the event of a low voter turnout in flooded areas, "we will have to declare a failure of elections."

He admitted that he viewed tomorrow's elections, especially the turnout, as a test case for him.

"I will have no moral courage to seek confirmation before the Commission on Appointments if I fail in this," he said.

At 5:30 p.m. yesterday, Abalos said that depending on the weather, the Comelec was likely to increase the number of areas where the polls would be suspended.

An average of 60 youths aged 15 to 17 from each of the country's 42,000 barangays are expected to vote tomorrow, according to the National Youth Commission.

Richard Nalupta, chair of the National SK Federation, said that despite official pessimism about the SK, a total of 2,507,389 out of 5.1 million youths in the age bracket registered this year—the biggest turnout of registrants in its history.

No dates

Lawyer Temi Lambino, Comelec director in Pampanga, said no dates were announced on when the elections would be held in San Fernando and the cited towns of the province.

Lambino said the mayors of San Simon, Masantol and San Luis had also asked the Comelec to postpone the polls there.

Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, Central Luzon police director, said the Comelec had been asked as well to defer the elections in some parts of Bataan and Bulacan.

Of Central Luzon's 3,109 villages, at least 829 were flooded as of Friday.

Berroya said about 8,000 policemen, more than 10,000 Army soldiers, 400 Navy reservists and 500 Air Force troopers would be deployed to prevent poll-related violence.

In Zambales, additional cops and soldiers will be sent to six towns classified as "areas of concern."

Lawyer Lydia Florentino, provincial Comelec officer, identified these towns as Palauig, Masinloc, Candelaria, Sta. Cruz, San Marcelino and San Felipe.

In Isabela, a reelectionist barangay captain was accused of vote buying for allegedly offering P300 to a voter.

Arnold Nicolas, chair of Barangay Napaccu Grande in Reina Mercedes town, allegedly prodded Alfredo Asuncion on Thursday night to vote for him.

Hours later, an unidentified man shot and wounded Asuncion. Ronnie Asuncion, Alfredo's son, said he believed the shooting was election-related.

Rebels

In Cagayan, police and Comelec officials are watching four villages in the province where communist rebels are allegedly present.

Hilarion Sagun, provincial Comelec officer, said three of these villages are in Baggao, and one in Rizal.

Sagun said election registrars in Buguey, Ballesteros and Sta. Teresita had been replaced because of their kinship with some candidates there.

In Abra, a mayor and his 14 companions survived an attack by suspected New People's Army rebels at Barangay Alaoa in Tineg on Friday morning, police and military reports said.

Lt. Col. Juanito Dalmas, 17th Infantry Battalion commanding officer, said Tineg Mayor Clarence Benwaren and his companions were slightly hurt but were rescued Saturday morning by 17th IB soldiers. The scene of the attack can be reached only after an eight-hour hike from the town proper, reports said.

Chief Insp. Elpidio Gabriel Jr., spokesperson of the Cordillera police, said Benwaren's group was negotiating a footbridge in the village at about 5:30 a.m. Friday when the armed men fired at them. Policemen and Benwaren's aides returned fire but no one in the group was hurt.

Gabriel said Benwaren's group went to Alaoa early Friday to check on the preparations for the elections.

He said some of the attackers were wearing military uniforms.

No ballots

In Camarines Sur, election officials and teachers yesterday reported that the official ballots and election manuals had yet to arrive from Manila.

Alex Marpuri, spokesperson of the Comelec provincial office, said the ballots were still to be delivered to 35 towns and two cities and more than 1,000 barangays.

In Libmanan, the biggest town in Camarines Sur with 75 barangays, local election officer Mitos Bustamante expressed apprehension over the late arrival of the election materials.

Bustamante said the coastal barangays in her jurisdiction could only be reached by boat, and noted that as of yesterday the seas off Libmanan were rough.

She said she would ask higher authority what action to take should there be no delivery of election materials to the coastal barangays.

Teachers from far-flung barangays have been staying in Naga City since Friday and were worried about their dwindling resources.

One, who requested not be named, said they had been spending their own funds for lodging and food.

"Our honoraria might not even suffice for what we have been spending here, and the time of waiting is really excruciating," said another teacher.

Areas of concern

The Comelec in Central Visayas has identified 562 barangays in the region as areas of concern.

Marshall Rubia, Comelec assistant regional director, said 344 of these barangays were in Bohol, 210 in Cebu and four in Negros Oriental.

Rubia said only one barangay in the region—Mabunao in Tabuelan town in Northern Cebu—was considered an area of immediate concern because of its history of election-related violence, intense political rivalry and rebel presence.

He also said certain barangays in Bohol had reported the presence of armed groups.

In Cebu City, Rubia said four barangays were considered areas of concerns because of intense political rivalry.

The Comelec has coordinated with the police and military regarding the augmentation of forces in areas classified as potential hot spots, he said.

A report by the poll body also indicated that certain candidates in Bohol and Cebu were believed to be supported and/or supporting the local communist movement.

But Rubia said it would not be a problem unless the rebels disrupted the elections.

At the final coordinating conference at the Police Regional Office 7 last Thursday, the police and military were ordered to keep a tight watch over 240 barangays considered potential hot spots.

Some 5,560 policemen and 2,000 soldiers are to be fielded tomorrow.

In Cebu, 400 soldiers were put on stand-by and 800 were detailed to potential hot spots. Another 600 are to be dispatched to Negros Oriental, while personnel from the Coast Guard and the Navy were put on stand-by in Siquijor.

Barangay Watch

Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza said a round-the-clock monitoring and intervention center had been set up to "keep an eye" on the elections.

Dureza said "Barangay Watch 2002," which was put up at the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Mindanao, had started functioning and would particularly monitor the elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Central Mindanao and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

These areas are notorious for loose firearms and the use of goons and gold during elections, according to a recent police report.

On the center's first day, suspected NPA rebels shot dead a candidate for barangay captain in Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur.

Samuel Navaja, provincial police director, identified the victim as Jose Te Jr. of Barangay Astorga. Te was on a campaign sortie when attacked.

In Cotabato, police identified at least five areas, including Kidapawan City, as areas of concern following reports of the presence of the NPA rebels.

In Davao City, the police and military forces have been on red alert since yesterday.

Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, police director for Southern Mindanao, said policemen would be deployed mainly in urban areas and the military, in remote barangays. ***With reports from Jovelyn Reyes, Villamor Visaya Jr. and Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Carmela Reyes, Tonette Orejas and Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Jolene R. Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau; Jeffrey M. Tupas, Anthony S. Allada, Joel B. Escovilla and Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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SIGNS of things to come at Barangay Lasip, Calasiao, Pangasinan, where the barangay, SK elections have been postponed.

GMA may go to Copa Mass

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the opposition in its mediation efforts.

She said that Villegas should enlarge his unity initiatives by closing the gap between the administration and the opposition.

Tantrum politics

According to her, these former allies of the President in civil society groups have been flaunting the "divisive kind of tantrum politics" by putting pressure on Malacañang to keep its door shut to anyone identified with the political opposition.

"How can we move on and heal the long-festering political wounds of Edsa II if Ms Macapagal's so-called allies continue to spread the culture of hatred and discord that has made the quest for national unity and reconciliation more elusive than ever?" she asked.

She said phrases like "sleeping with the enemy" would not help heal the wounds of a divided nation.

She stressed that the people will end up the losers if civil society continued with its politics of hate and discord.

"Tantrum politics was but a logical offshoot of the extra-legal change of power in January 2001 because in short-circuiting the constitutional mode of replacing the President, Ms Macapagal's allies had come to believe that they alone were responsible for catapulting her to Malacañang and were thus capable of toppling her from power in the same way that they did to Mr. Estrada," Oreta said.

Ignore Copa

Sen. Robert Barbers advised the President not to pay attention to Copa and instead focus on her good governance programs.

Barbers said that entertaining negative statements from Copa would only sidetrack the government's priorities and add fuel to the heated debate between Malacañang and civil society.

"President Macapagal cannot just listen and agree to her critics all the time," he said. "As the captain of the ship of state, she has been doing her best and exerting all efforts for our economic recovery and national well-being."

Saycon had hit the reported plan of the President to appoint opposition Sen. Blas Ople as secretary of foreign affairs, and to enlist the help of three other former officials of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Barbers said that while he acknowledged the right of every citizen to freely express his or her sentiment, that right must be exercised in the proper perspective and always in good faith with the best interests of the nation in mind.

Sen. Manny Villar appealed for calm and sobriety.

"Let us remember that there is an appropriate channel for any legitimate gripe against the government," Villar said.

"It would also be best for the administration to look into the complaints of those airing their grievances and do its best to address them," he added.

According to Villar, good governance was still the best "exterminator of any perceived termite or pest."

President Macapagal had alluded to the griping Copa members as "termites" within her government.

"Those who are not content with the performance of the President should wait for the 2004 elections to make their sentiments known," he added.

Full-blown bashing

But the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas can't wait. Its secretary general, Manolita Serrano, said that the organizers of Monday's Mass "should train their guns on President Macapagal and her minions, the real termites who want to destroy People Power I and II."

Like other militant groups, Pamalakaya had questioned the appointment of Ople, brothers Ricardo and Ronaldo Puno, and Jaime Policarpio.

Saycon had quit as a member of the board of directors of the government controlled Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. on Wednesday after the President described him as "a termite."

Serrano also rebuffed Villegas' offer to mediate between the President and disgruntled cause-oriented groups, pointing out that their differences were irreconcilable.

"We ask the good bishop to recognize the growing disenfranchisement against the Macapagal administration. The betrayal of Edsa I and II is Ms Macapagal's policy while we are for the preservation of our people's significant victories in the two people power uprisings," he said. ***With a report from TJ Burgonio***

Jude no law-breaker

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Romanian politician mistook the British heartthrob for a car thief.

Dinu Patriciu, a leading member of the opposition Liberal Party, told The Associated Press on Friday that he became enraged when he saw Law and another man get into his Land Rover early Thursday at Bucharest's Otopeni Airport.

Patriciu said he angrily yelled at the men, whom he presumed were trying to steal the car. A shouting match ensued.

Patriciu realized he had made a mistake when Law and the other man showed him rental papers for the car.

Law had starred in the movie "Enemy at the Gates" and had appeared in several others, including "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "Gattaca."

Patriciu said he had recently left the car with a mechanic to be serviced, telling the company it could sell the vehicle after it was repaired. The firm rented the jeep to Castel Films, a producer for "Cold Mountain," a movie that is to be filmed in Romania starting next week.

Patriciu, who is also one of Romania's richest businessmen, was embarrassed about the incident but said Law's reaction made the situation uncomfortable.

"I was very unhappy because he started swearing. I am not a native English speaker but I understood what he was saying," Patriciu said. "He kept telling me that he had come to bring money to the country. Later, I was told he was a Hollywood star."

Larry Kaplan, a publicist for "Cold Mountain," said Law did not want to comment on the incident.

In "Cold Mountain," Law plays a leading role as Inman, a wounded confederate soldier who is on a perilous journey home to his mountain community, hoping to reunite with his prewar sweetheart, Ada, played by Nicole Kidman. ***AP***

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 14, 2002
15th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return till they have watered the earth, making it yield seed for the sower and food for others to eat, so is my word that goes forth out of my mouth: it will not return to me idle, but it shall accomplish my will, the purpose for which it has been sent.

2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters, I consider that the suffering of our present life cannot be compared with the Glory that will be revealed and given to us. All creation is eagerly expecting the birth in glory of the children of God. For if now the created world was unable to attain its purpose, this did not come from itself, but from the one who subjected it. But it is not without hope; for even the created world will be freed from this fate of death and share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pangs of birth. Not creation alone, but even ourselves, although the Spirit was given to us as a foretaste of what we are to receive, we groan in our innermost being, eagerly awaiting the day when God will give us full rights and rescue our bodies as well.

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat down by the lakeside. As many people gathered around him, he got in a boat. There he sat while the whole crowd stood on the shore, and he spoke to them in parables about many things.

Jesus said, "The sower went out to sow and, as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where there was little soil, and the seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was not deep. But as soon the sun rose the plants were scorched and withered because they had no roots. Again other seeds fell among thistles; and the thistles grew and choked the plants. Still other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop; some produced a hundredfold, others sixty and others thirty. If you have ears, then hear!"

Commentary

What is in a word, a word that once spoken vanishes and is forgotten? For so many centuries, people have uttered countless words beyond recall, so many words forgotten in the passage of time . . .

Yet one Word remains—the Word uttered by the Eternal. The Word that reverberates throughout human history, that echoes even beyond time and space.

The Word unceasingly looks for a welcoming soil that it may germinate and grow to its fullness. The Word looks for a generous heart that will nourish and care for it.

The Word is sown in the soil of our hearts and if your heart is fertile, then the Word sprouts until it bears fruit.

The Word which we gladly welcome and accept into our hearts will then become human as it transforms us into its likeness.

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UAAP OPENER

Ateneo, UP post shaky wins

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
11 a.m.—UST vs Adamson (jrs)
2 p.m. –UST vs Adamson (srs)
4 p.m.—La Salle vs FEU (srs)

ATENEO survived a scrambling finish to escape with an 82-77 victory over National University, while University of the Philippines downed University of the East, 59-54, in a pair of thrillers opening the UAAP basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum yesterday.

The Blue Eagles, who are eyeing to snap a 14-year title drought, seemed headed for a breeze, surging to several double-digit leads with the biggest at 17, 41-29, in the second half but lacked the finishing kick to pull away from the Bulldogs.

Using a 1-3-1 zone, the Bulldogs battled back into contention and by the end of the third period, they trailed by just five, 66-61.

"A win is a win," said Ateneo mentor Joel Banal. "We're having good looks at the basket but just can't convert. We just relied on our PBL experience. I can't ask for more from my players."

The Bulldogs were still in the thick of the fight, 73-69, 3:32 remaining, but they also failed to make the big baskets down the stretch.

Enrico Villanueva, L.A. Tenorio, Jec Chia, Wesley Gonzales and Larty Fonacier also converted their shots as the Eagles took a safe 78-70 lead, 26 seconds remaining.

The Ateneo-NU game wasn't free of controversy following the decision of the UAAP board to allow NU playmaker Froilan Baguion to play despite being ejected from his final against La Salle during the 2001 season. This offense carried an automatic one-game suspension. Baguion led NU's blazing rally in the fourth and finished with 12 points.

Veteran Michael Bravo saved the Maroons from an endgame collapse as he buried five straight points, including a triple with two seconds left which pegged the final count.

All seemed lost for the Red Warriors as they trailed, 52-42, five minutes remaining but Ronald Tubid exploded with seven points in a 12-2 blast as UE threatened, 54-56, 28 ticks left.

Scores:

UP 59—Bravo 25, Reyes 9, Santos 7, Arnaiz 5, Almeda 4, Nunag 4, Cervantes 4, Ferrero 0, Celo 4, Bienvenido 0.

UE 54—Tubid 19, Omipig 8, Artadi 8, Canaleta 6, Yap 6, Hubalde 2, Masbang 2, Booker 2, Butel 0, Estrada 0.

Quarters: 7-11, 18-26, 40-38, 59-54.

ENTERTAINER Gary Valenciano performs in front of the participating teams during yesterday's opening of the 2002 UAAP season.

ROMY HOMILLADA

FedEx upends Selecta-RP

By June Navarro

GAMES TODAY (Ynares Center)
3:45 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs Red Bull
5:45 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Purefoods

FEDERAL Express weathered Selecta-RP Team's storm of triples to hammer out a 94-87 victory yesterday in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Jermaine Walker and Frantz Pierre-Louis joined hands in neutralizing the Nationals' uprising from the three-point arc but it was Wynne Arboleda and rookie Yancy De Ocampo who shone brightest for the Express.

Arboleda masterminded a torrid Express run in the second quarter while the 6-foot-9 De Ocampo held Erik Menk at bay in the final minutes as the Express picked up their second victory after five games.

Getting a lot of minutes after Danny Seigle suffered a hamstring injury, Menk was unstoppable at the start, unloading 12 of his 18 markers in the first half before De Ocampo put the cuffs on him.

"That's what I'm trying to tell them all along. Walker and Pierre-Louis cannot do it by themselves, the locals must be able to contribute at all costs," said FedEx coach Derrick Pumaren.

In the second game, Gerry Esplana hit a running jumper with barely a second left as Shell nosed out Alaska, 78-76.

The Turbo Chargers, who turned back powerhouse Batang Red Bull last week, improved to 2-3 while the Aces suffered their second defeat in five games.

Scores:

FEDEX 94—Walker 27, Pierre-Louis 21, De Ocampo 13, Arboleda 12, Pumaren 9, Ritualo 7, Codinera 5.

SELECTA-RP 87—Menk 18, Racela 15, Duremdes 15, Carlaso 10, Espino 9 Hatfield 7, Taulava 7, Ildefonso 4, Hontiveros 2, Fernandez 0.

Quarters: 18-24, 44-34, 68-63, 94-87.

Agojo sets 3-peat mark in Temecula

By Jong Arcano

TEMECULA, California – Like the vineyards of this famous valley, Jayvie Agojo is in full bloom. Agojo set a new record in the Temecula International junior golf championships when she nailed a third straight title in girls Class B with a closing one-over-par 73 at the picturesque Menifee Lakes course here on Friday (Saturday in Manila).

The OB Montessori junior ably carried herself in a final-hole pressure test against Meranie Jaslowski, charging home to a two-stroke victory when the American double-bogeyed the 18th from the vicious greenside bunker.

"I was bracing for the worst when we teed off on the 18th still even. I'm just glad to come out the winner although I feel sorry for her (Meranie)," said Agojo who finished with a 223 aggregate. Jaslowski wound up at 225 after a 75. Both started the day tied for the lead and went through four lead changes before Agojo forged another deadlock on No. 15.

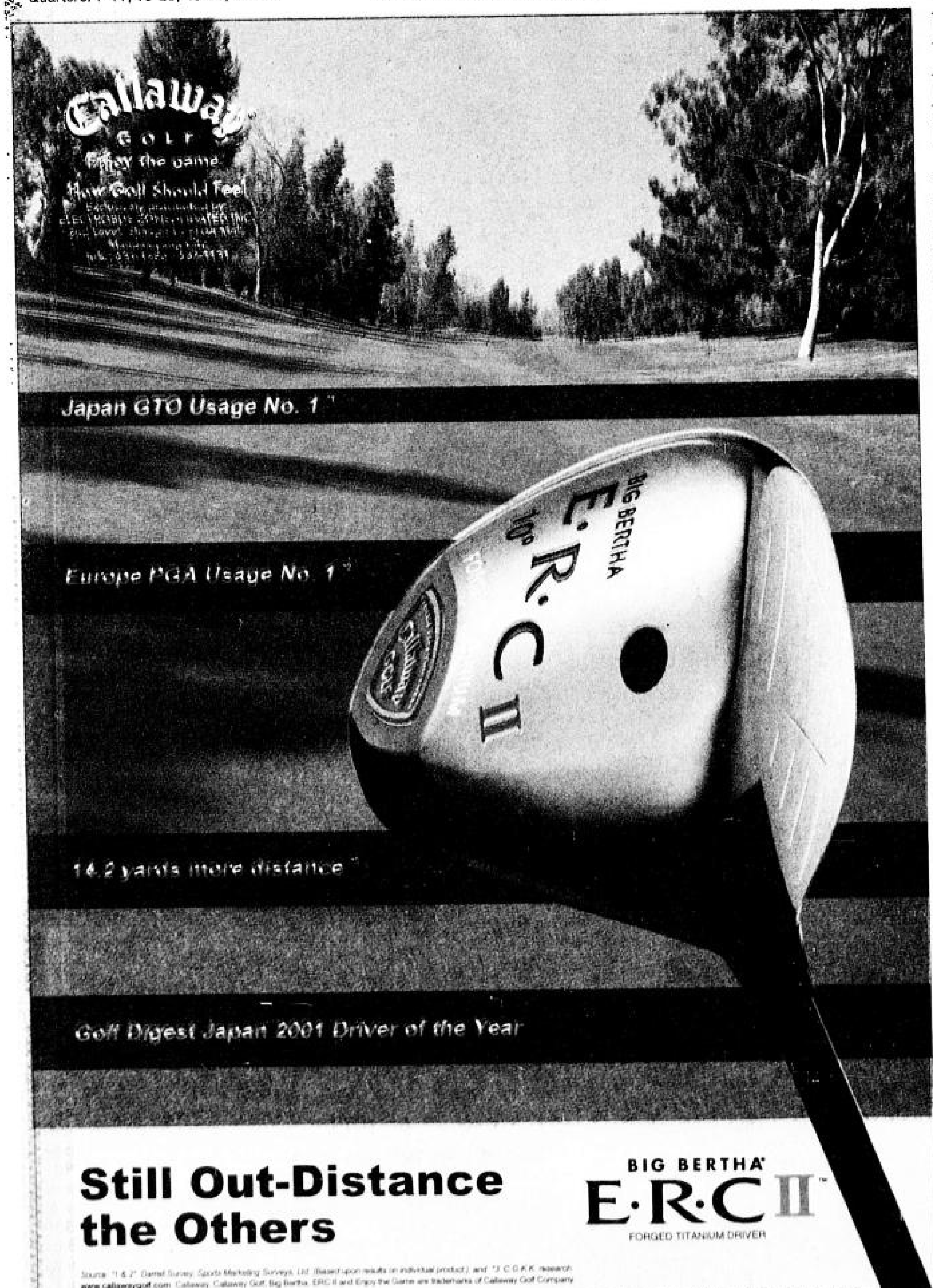
Becoming the winningest foreign campaigner here, the 15-year-old Agojo, also carrying the banner of Philippine Airlines, again received a glass Eagle trophy for the third straight year. Tonlits Asistio, meanwhile, closed out with a 74 and finished a far second in the boys Class B. Miko Yee tallied a 77 for fourth place while Mikee Camitoc scored an 81. Linell de Villa ended her campaign with an 87.

Agojo's historic feat puts her in the right frame of mind when she leads the Philippine campaign in the multi-nation Callaway Junior World championships in nearby San Diego next week. The parade is set for Sunday (Monday in Manila) at the Torrey Pines grounds where the Philippine flag will be raised along with those of the rest of the record 45 other countries competing.

Competitions in five different age-groups will start Tuesday with Monday scheduled as the official practice round.

'Fistorama' today

SAN Miguel Beer's "Fistorama" today features in its main event RP rated No. 4 featherweight Edwin Gastador of Cebu City and PBF rated No. 6 featherweight Robert Dalisay of Binangonan, Rizal in the 123 lbs. division. The fight was held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig. It was promoted by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada. Fistorama is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer.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Record payout in Japan

TOKYO—Punters who correctly selected the first three placed runners in a Japanese horse race earned a record payout of 8.83 million yen ($75,500) each on 100 yen (85 U.S. cents) bet, race organizers and media reports said Saturday.

Of the nearly 360,000 bets made on Friday's race at the Kawasaki race track south of Tokyo, there were only three such winning tickets, the Asahi newspaper said.

It was not known whether the ticket holders have collected their winnings, which were more than double the previous record of 4 million yen ($34,200) won at a Tokyo horse racing track in May, the Asahi said. *AP*

Zabel takes 6th stage

ALENCON, France—As several rivals took a high-risk dash to the finish line, Lance Armstrong coolly let others do the sprinting in the Tour de France on Friday while he awaits a moment to shine next week.

The 30-year-old Texan, the favorite to win a fourth consecutive Tour, coasted across the finish line deep in a pack of riders in the same time as German sprinting specialist Erik Zabel, winner of Friday's sixth stage. *AP*

Philracom's 'best'

ONE WINNER
Edwin Villanueva

THE guessing game is on as far as the next Philracom chair is concerned.

Will Andrew Sanchez be retained or will there be a new chief of the racing body come the end of the month?

On and off the race tracks, the favorite game these days among *kareristas* is the *pustahan* concerning the controversial post.

I asked my Silip Boy to make the rounds the past two weeks and found out that Sanchez is still the *llamado* to remain as Philracom chair.

Sanchez, a former pelotari popularly known as "Filipino" when he was still wielding his *cesta* at the Taft fronton, must have benefitted greatly from the strong support given him by the country's major racing groups.

The Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners and Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization both want Sanchez to stay.

Echoing their sentiments were the groups of jockeys, trainers and grooms.

In a recent letter, they appealed to President Arroyo to retain Sanchez, stating his achievements in a year's span and saying he's "the best chairman the Philracom has ever had."

And according to my Silip Boy, there are owners-breeders, those considered as horse racing's biggest players, who might just lose interest in the sport once Sanchez is replaced.

Let's just hope President Arroyo makes the right decision.

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Winner's Circle Productions' racing coverage at San Lazaro has gained further prominence with the addition of Ceferino "Howie" Basilio Jr. to its team of commentators.

Howie, a certified *dehadista*, is a former sportswriter whose forte when he was still writing for the defunct Manila Chronicle is, you guessed it right—horse racing.

He'll be a big help to the likes of Andy Sevilla and Bob Novales.

RACING TIPS

AT SAN LAZARO BY MR. 999

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REMATCH VS TYSON

Lewis wants $30-M pay

LONDON—Heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis would take a rematch with Mike Tyson if organizers guarantee him $30 million.

Lewis knocked out Tyson in the eighth round of a fight last month in Memphis to retain his WBC and IBF titles. Each fighter was paid $17.5 million.

Lewis appeared to leave open the possibility of a rematch—if the price was right.

"People don't want to see that again because of the way I destroyed him," Lewis said after receiving the Commander of the Order of the British Empire from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace on Friday.

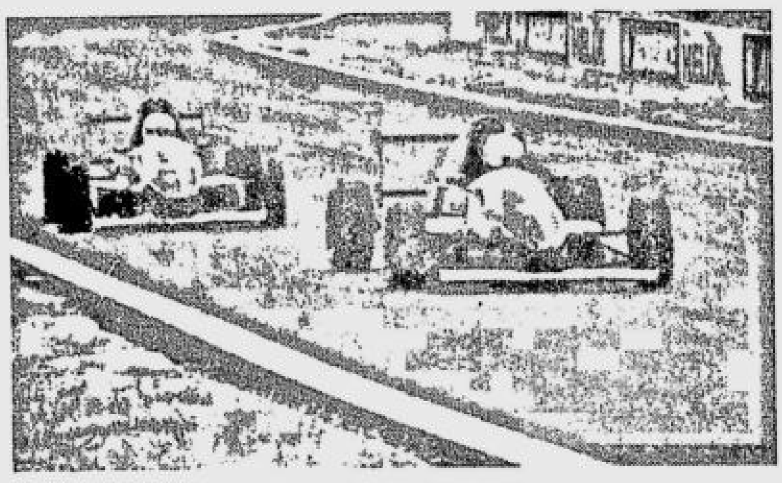
"People felt sorry for him. He's already put in a bid for a rematch but it's up to the TV companies. If they don't pay $30 million, I will retire.

"This is the perfect opportunity to retire, and it's the pending question. Retirement is definitely floating around as an option for me, but we will have to see."

Meanwhile, in Las Vegas, an autopsy showed boxer Pedro Alcazar died from injuries suffered after being hit in the head. But it didn't answer questions doctors had about the circumstances surrounding his death.

A summary of the autopsy results released by the Clark County Coroner's office listed the cause of Alcazar's death as blunt force trauma to the head, suffered in his June 22 WBO 115-pound (51.75-kilogram) title fight with Fernando Montiel.

Three doctors examined the Panamanian boxer after the fight and he spent the next day sightseeing in Las Vegas without complaining of any problems. A day later, he was found dying on the floor of his hotel room. *AP*



PCSO GRAND PRIX

Shell Racing's Mandy Borja (right) leads Cebuano Joel Retuya in the Formula Toyota Cup of the 2002 PCSO Grand Prix recently at the Batangas Racing Circuit. The event was sponsored by the Batangas Racing Circuit Association (BRCA), Pilipinas Shell, Toyota Motors Phil., MOF Shipping, Norkis-Yamaha, Marlboro, Casino Filipino, Kilton Motors Corp. and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Greene posts fastest time; Jones sparkles

ROME—"The dog came out a little today," said Maurice Greene after turning in the fastest 100-meter time of the year Friday by winning the sprint at the Golden Gala in 9.89 seconds.

"But as the year goes on, you'll see more dog," the American said pointing to a bulldog tattooed on his left arm.

Greene led from the start and beat compatriot Tim Montgomery, who was second in 9.94 on a balmy night at Rome's Stadio Olimpico.

Greene's time, just short of his world record of 9.79, follows lackluster performances by the reigning world and Olympic champion, who won at the Gaz de France last week after two straight losses.

The 27-year-old Greene appeared nervous before the race, using his hand to wipe sweat off his brow several times.

American Marion Jones clinched her third straight Golden League win in the women's 100 meters finishing in 10.89 on the stadium's newly fitted track.

Her time fell short of Ukraine's Zhanna Pintusevich-Block–the shock winner over Jones at last year's Edmonton World Championships–who set the fastest time this year on Monday by winning a race in Athens in 10.84. American Gail Devers won her seventh straight race of the season with a 12.51 in the 100 hurdles. *AP*

Diaz cards 64, grabs lead; Delasin falters

SYLVANIA, Ohio—Laura Diaz made four birdie putts of at least 12 feet (3.6 meters) in a 7-under 64 Friday that gave her a two-stroke after two rounds of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic.

The round was the lowest of Diaz's four-year professional career.

Her 8-under 134 total was two strokes better than rookies Beth Bauer and Jeanne-Marie Busuttil and veteran Kris Tschetter.

Tschetter, winless in the last decade on the LPGA Tour, tied for fifth at the Farr last year, her best finish since undergoing hip surgery in 2000.

Meanwhile, Jenny Rosales shot a one-under-par 70 to avoid elimination.

Rosales, her career given a tremendous boost by a seventh place showing in the US Open last week, jumped from the brink of elimination (tied for 66th) to a share of 49th with a 143 total.

Rosales now has made the cut in her last five tournaments starting from the McDonalds LPGA early last month. Dorothy Delasin, just one stroke behind in second place after Round 1, slid to a tie for 15th, six shots off at 140 after a 72.

Starting her round on the 10th hole, Diaz was 1-under through six holes and 2-under for the tournament –making a 12-footer (3.6-meter) on No. 13–before she turned things around with a three-hole blitz.

She hit an 8-iron to 15 feet (4.5 meters) at the par-4 16th, then hit a sand wedge to 3 feet (0.9 meters) and a sand wedge to 9 feet (2.7 meters) on the par-5 holes that close the back nine.

Tschetter's 67, featuring four birdies without a bogey, followed the pattern set by Diaz.

Karrie Webb shot a 65 and Kelli Kuehne had a 66 to share fifth place at 5-under 137.

Defending champion Se Ri Pak–who has won the Farr three of the last four years–bounced back from a 72 with a 67 and led a group at 3-under 139. *AP*

Cubs prevail in 16 innings

CHICAGO—Florida center fielder Preston Wilson ran into the ivy-covered wall with two outs in the 16th inning and dropped pinch-hitter Angel Echevarria's fly ball Friday, giving the Chicago Cubs a 5-4 win over the Marlins.

It tied for the longest game in the majors this season. Los Angeles beat Atlanta 6-5 in 16 innings on May 7.

Complete results:

AMERICAN LEAGUE—Toronto 5, Boston 0; Detroit 2, Chi White Sox 1; Seattle 2, Tampa Bay 1; Oakland 1, Baltimore 0; Cleveland 2, NY Yankees 1 (10 innings); Anaheim 11, Kansas City 3; Minnesota 4, Texas 3 (11 innings).

NATIONAL LEAGUE—Chicago Cubs 5, Florida 4 (16 innings); Atlanta 8, Montreal 3; Philadelphia 9, NY Mets 8; Houston 6, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 2; San Diego 4, St. Louis 3; Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2; San Francisco 9, Colorado 0. *AP, AFP*

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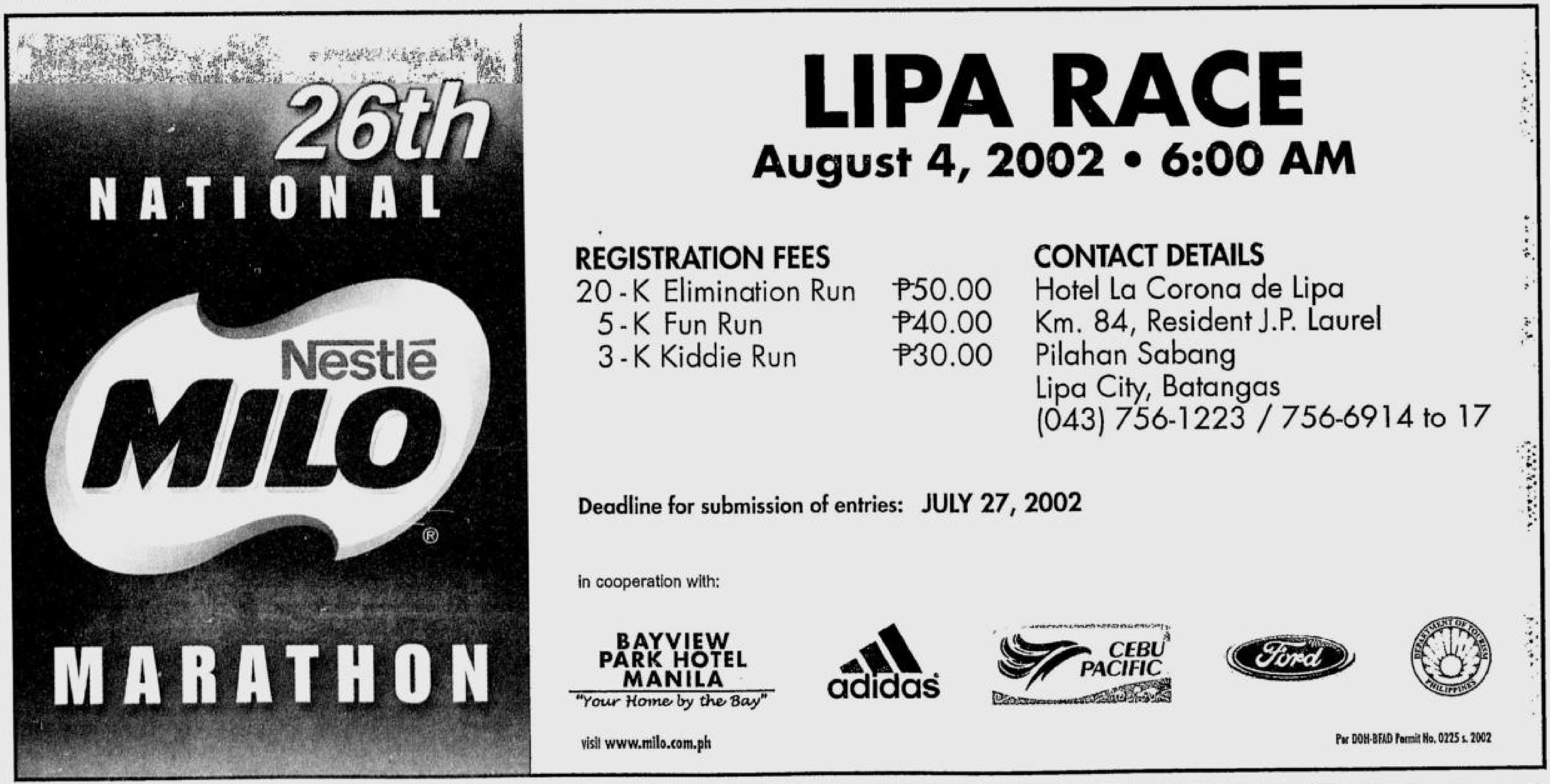

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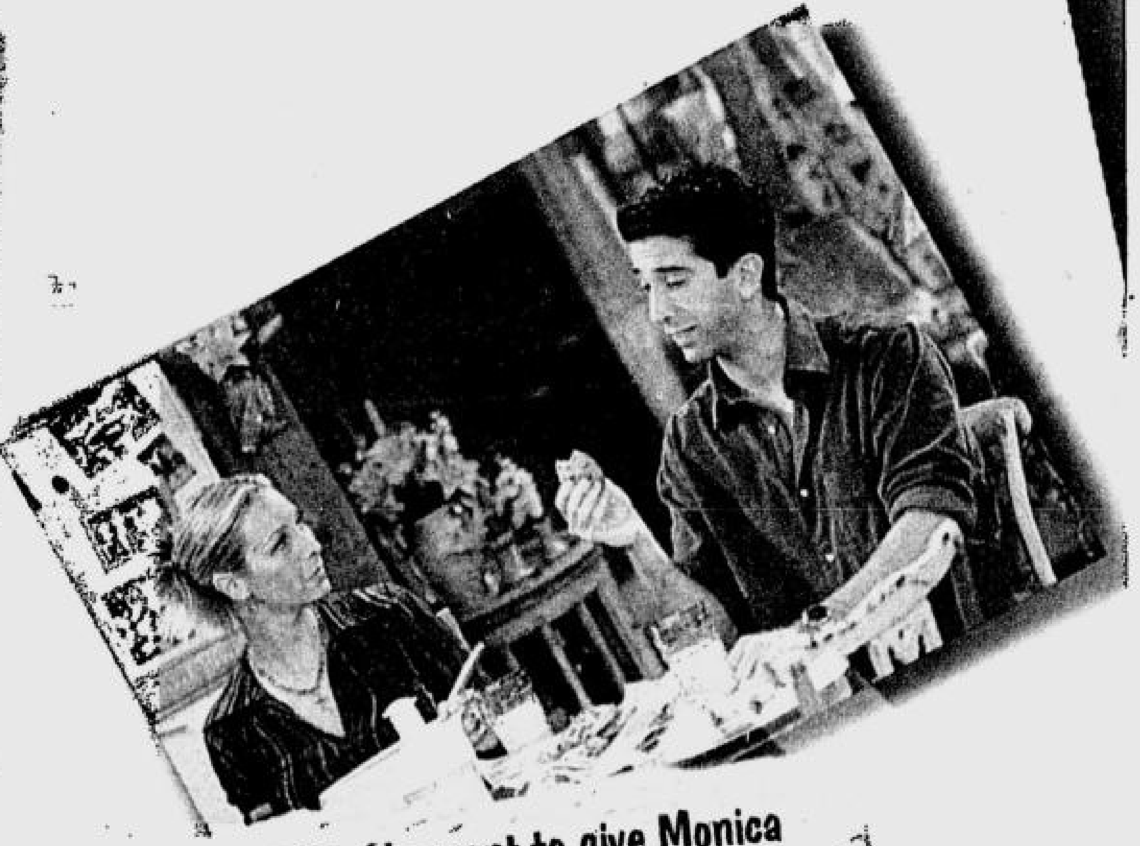

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SODDEN CAMPAIGN
Two residents of Sta. Cruz, Manila wade into the campaign in the rainy runup to Monday's barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections. JESS YUSON

Traffic cameras to watch drivers

By Leila Salaverria

ERRING bus drivers will have to come up with very good excuses to escape sanctions once the Metro Manila Development Authority has implemented its virtually foolproof plan to catch traffic violators.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said he plans to assign to each bus a number that will be painted on the bus roof. Cameras that will be set up in high, strategic places along major thoroughfares will therefore be able to identify violators through the numbers on their bus roofs, according to him.

TRAFFIC CAMERAS/ A24

Emergencies make Irishman stay in RP

By Andrea Trinidad-Echavez
Contributor

TALES OF THE CITY

AIDAN Tasker-Lynch, 51, could have gone back home to Northern Ireland for retirement, after decades of pushing for support and acceptance of a relatively young field in medical science.

But the memory of a bloodied little girl keeps on coming back to him, and prompts him to stay on in the Philippines.

Tasker-Lynch was visiting the relatives of his wife Joan in Isabela province in 1995 when he witnessed a vehicular accident involving a four-year-old girl. The child's relatives panicked, grabbing her and putting her

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'Kindergarten cops' teach children of poor families

By Tina Santos

INSPIRED by the hit Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Kindergarten Cop," the Caloocan City police is helping teach children of indigent families through the Kindergarten Cop Learning Center.

A brainchild of Caloocan police chief Senior Supt. Benjardi Matale and investigation and intelligence chief Supt. Dionicio Borromeo, the learning center's classes are now on their third week at the police headquarters' multipurpose hall on Samson Road.

For this school year, the school has accepted more than 30 children aged four to six years old from the city's indigent families and streetchildren, as well as some children of local policemen.

It is believed to be the first of its kind to be launched by a police station.

"We are proud that we are the first not only in Metro Manila but all over the country," said Mantele. "This initiative should serve as an example that other police stations should follow." He said that aside from helping street children, the program also trains Caloocan policemen in exploring their teaching skills.

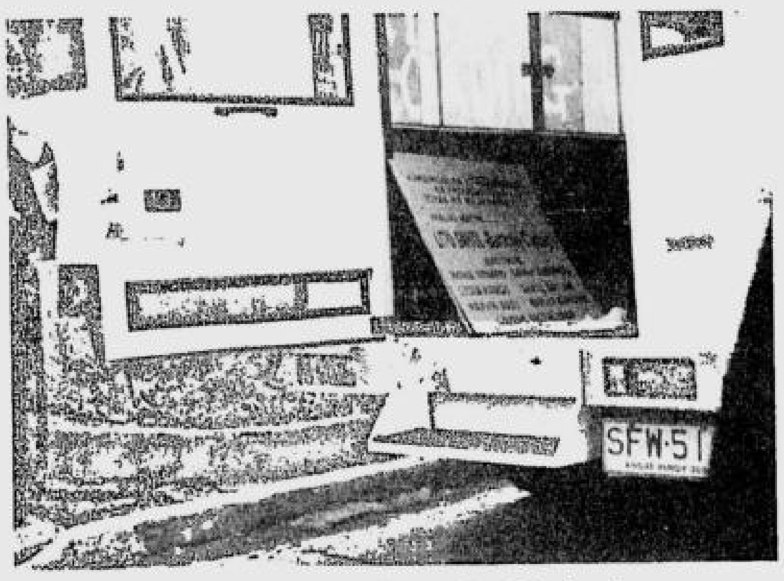
For now, Senior insp. Virginia Tejuco, chief of the Caloocan Police Women's and Children's Protection Desk, is teaching the children basic subjects like math, English, Filipino and science. The class is from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Mantele said the city police would coordinate with other agencies, particularly the Department of Education, so it could hire regular teachers.

Mantele stressed that Caloocan residents should not worry that police attention would be diverted from its regular functions. Its saying main concern is still to maintain peace and order in the city, he said.

Earlier, the Caloocan police launched its version of Batang Out-of-School for Economic Self-Reliance (Boses) to give street youths 15 to 21 years old the opportunity to enroll in non-formal education.

After completing the non-formal education, the successful trainees will be recommended for employment in factories in Caloocan City, or as junior police to assist policemen in directing traffic and other less dangerous police duties.



UNFAIR, says opponent of candidate Lito Gahol, whose supporters are said to be using this barangay vehicle in their campaign.

Mandaluyong bet accused of using gov't property

By Leila Salaverria

A RIVAL has accused a barangay candidate in Mandaluyong City of unfair competition for allegedly using government property in his campaign activities.

Supporters of Julius Caesar Llamas, a candidate for chairman of Barangay Mauway, accused Lito Gahol of using a barangay vehicle to put up posters announcing his candidacy and that of his council members.

Llamas is Gahol's lone opponent for the local post. The incumbent barangay chair is a Manuel Manalo.

Llamas' brother Col. Jose Llamas said on Friday that on July 5, soon after the campaign period started, he noticed a vehicle with red license plates going around the barangay. The vehicle was carrying Gahol's campaign posters, he said.

Colonel Llamas took pictures of the vehicle and of the people who posted the campaign bills on walls. He said he identified two of them as incumbent barangay councilors who are running for reelection.

The pictures showed a white vehicle with Plate No. SFW-515. Several people were standing beside the vehicle holding white sheets of paper, which they were posting on a concrete wall.

Colonel Llamas said the pictures were taken at the corner of Bulusan and Montalban streets in Barangay Mauway.

The vehicle is frequently seen making the rounds of the neighborhood and its passengers putting up posters in various places in the barangay, he said.

He told the Inquirer that his brother was at a disadvantage because of the unfair practice.

"I don't want violence, but I am not afraid of the other camp (if it comes to that)," Colonel Llamas said.

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'We might wait for ages'

Poll officials seek release of allowances

By Jerome Aning

ELECTION officials and personnel who will serve in tomorrow's barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan polls have appealed to the Manila city government to release their honoraria and allowances on time.

"We might wait for ages again, like in the last election (in 2001)," an election officer, who asked not to be identified, told the INQUIRER.

The official said Resolution No. 5011, which the Commission on Elections issued last July 2, provides that local government units share in defraying the expenses of election tellers, inspectors and canvassers.

City Hall must give the honoraria and per diems to the election personnel within 12 days after election day, according to the resolution.

Comelec was forced to order LGUs to share in the expenses because Congress did not give the poll body enough funds.

The LGUs are also asked to provide tellers with free transportation to and from polling precincts located far from City Hall, or else reimburse the tellers of their reasonable transportation expenses.

LGUs are also required to pay for the expenses in the distribution of election paraphernalia from the office of election officers to the treasurer's office and to the various precincts.

"In the previous election, we were forced to pay for transporting election returns on our own, and many of us did not get reimbursed for some time," the source complained.

The LGUs must give P400 to each member of the boards of tellers, who are all public school teachers, assigned to a clustered barangay or SK precinct.

Department of Education officials, such as principals or division superintendents, who are supervising boards of tellers, must be paid P800 each as honoraria.

Other DepEd personnel must be paid P300 each.

The amount of the honoraria for members of the boards of canvassers depends on the number of precincts they would canvass.

Members of BOCs canvassing only one precinct must be paid P100 each, and those monitoring up to 50 precincts P600 each.

More officers sent to Caloocan 'hot spots'

By Tina Santos

THE CALOOCAN City police is bracing itself for tomorrow's synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections by stepping up efforts to enforce the gun ban under the Commission on Elections' "Checkpoint" campaign.

Caloocan police chief Senior Supt. Benjardi Mantele said they have already confiscated 32 handguns and high-powered firearms since the Comelec gun ban was implemented on May 31.

He also said additional policemen will be deployed in different barangays, particularly in Bagong Barrio, Bagong Silang and Camarin in the city's Bukid area, and Sta. Quiteria. Police considered these areas as potential hot spots, based on what happened in the previous elections.

Mantele also warned residents and storeowners to avoid drinking and selling liquors in compliance with the Comelec's liquor ban.

To maintain peace and order, Caloocan City Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo has ordered the city's Department of Safety and Traffic Management to assign more personnel to schools that will serve as polling centers.

In tomorrow's barangay and SK elections, there are some 610 candidates for the barangay chair positions, 4,514 for barangay council seats, 410 for the SK chair positions and 1,919 for the SK council seats in Caloocan's 188 barangays.

Emergencies make . . .

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into a cab to take her to the hospital. The girl died shortly.

"That girl could have lived," says the soft-spoken Irishman with sadness in his voice. "If only her relatives knew what to do."

That incident inspired Tasker-Lynch to start up a personal crusade in the Philippines. With the support of his wife Joan who is a registered nurse and paramedic, he pushed for a national emergency medical system.

First aid

He is a registered emergency medical technician-paramedic (REMT-P) and he has spent practically all his life in pre-hospital care. He got acquainted with emergency medical care at the early age of eight, when he enrolled and completed a course in first aid and basic life support in the United Kingdom.

At 18, he entered the medical branch of the British Royal Air Force as a combat medical technician and later as a staff at the RAF Strike Command Headquarters where he inspected and evaluated medical facilities.

After his stint with the RAF, he joined the ambulance service in Cambridgeshire, England, and became deeply involved in the national movement to promote advanced pre-hospital care. In 1986, the Saudi government commissioned him to set up an emergency medical service for the newly constructed international airport in Riyadh.

In 1990, he set up the emergency medical services for the "petrochemical" City of Yanbu in Saudi Arabia. In five years, he developed what was touted as the most advanced community-based pre-hospital care system in the Middle East.

Trauma patients

Throughout those years, however, his wife Joan kept on prodding him to put up a similar system in the Philippines, where thousands of lives are lost because of a lack of paramedics. He admits he did not give his wife's proddings much thought.

TASKER-LYNCH (second from right) teaches future paramedics.

"That incident caused me to reconsider," he says of the Isabela accident involving the little girl. "It was then that I realized there were indeed no emergency services available in the country."

He says that in advanced countries, trauma patients or those who figure in accidents "are not just hauled off in any vehicle by just anybody." Paramedics on board well-equipped ambulances take the patients to hospitals, he says.

"In other countries, you cannot touch trauma patients unless you are a paramedic, or you risk putting their lives in further danger," he says.

He says it broke his heart to see how people are being brought to emergency rooms in ways that cause more harm to the patients.

While there are already a number of private institutions offering emergency services, Tasker-Lynch laments that their fees are beyond the reach of ordinary Filipinos.

"It's just horrendous to think that majority of those needing emergency medical care might just die because they can't afford ambulance services," he says.

PSEMT

Tasker-Lynch and his wife, together with Dr. Teodoro Herbosa, head of the Philippine General Hospital's emergency medical services department, set up a nonprofit organization called Philippine Society of Emergency Medical Technicians (PSEMT.)

They networked with local government units, national government agencies like the Department of Health and the Bureau of Fire Protection and private groups to raise public awareness of the importance of the emergency medical care. They train doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners at the UP-PGH in emergency medical care, in preparation for the establishment of a national ambulance system.

Tasker-Lynch also actively advocates the establishment of fire safety and protection. He played a vital role in the decision of the city government of Manila to remove the oil depot in Manila. Last year, he presented a paper to Manila Mayor Lito Atienza where he warned of the damage the oil depots could cause to residents of the Pandacan district.

No giving up

"It has not been easy," says Tasker-Lynch of his crusade. "But it gives me satisfaction to know that you've done something that affects other people's lives."

Joan says there were times she thought of just going back to Europe where she could easily earn a good income as a nurse, but her husband would remind her that they have "business to finish" in the country.

"With what is going on in our country, I sometimes think of giving up," she says. "But he would tell me that we need to stay here. He is more patriotic and Filipino at heart than I am."

Early this year, the health department tapped PSEMT to draft a blue print on a national ambulance service, similar to the 911 emergency hotline in the United States.

Tasker-Lynch now has even more reason to stay.

Traffic cameras to watch drivers

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"(The plan) is meant to ensure that buses stay in their lanes," Fernando said on Friday.

He said large numbers would be painted on the roofs of buses so that violators could easily be identified from the top of buildings or even from a helicopter.

He said this system would minimize the need for traffic enforcers to chase the vehicles.

Asked whether the task of numbering all the buses would be manageable, Fernando said the MMDA could handle it.

The MMDA chair had said earlier that a three-lane scheme would be imposed on Edsa. Buses would be assigned a lane where they could load and unload passengers at any point. There would be no more designated loading and unloading areas which are usually ignored anyway.

Fernando said the MMDA would wait for the rains to stop before implementing the scheme, since painting lines on the roads to delineate the lanes would be hard to do when the roads are wet.

He said he would ensure that the lanes have the proper width.

"I noticed that the lanes for cars are usually as wide as the ones for bigger vehicles," he said. Because of this, cars crowd their lane, which then causes congestion on the roads.

Composers protest Himig-Handog extension

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

KATHA, the organization of Filipino composers, has raised a complaint against ABS-CBN about the screening of entries in the forthcoming "Himig Handog" songwriting competition.

ABS-CBN limited each contestant to only two entries and chose only seven finalists from among 2,000 entries, junking the rest of the songs. To complete the 10 finalists, the network re-opened the contest and extended the deadline to choose three more finalists.

Katha members expressed displeasure over ABS-CBN's decision to re-open the contest and accept new entries.

In a letter to ABS-CBN vice president **Enrico Santos**, Katha president **Trina Belamide** wrote:

"We find it absurd that the remaining three finalist slots could not be filled by any of the more than 2,000 entries submitted to the contest.

"We consider this decision distasteful and disrespectful of all the songwriters who participated in the contest and submitted their songs on or before the deadline with the understanding that 10 finalists would be chosen."

New Katha chair **Bert de Leon** said extending the contest deadline is also unfair for the seven finalists.

"The songwriters who will join in the re-opening have the distinct advantage of knowing the type of songs that made it to the first round," he reasoned out. "They know what they're up against so the seven finalists will be disadvantaged. They believe it's a high-handed decision and it's unethical."

Direk Bert, who became chair of Katha last March, said the seven finalists had a meeting with ABS-CBN executives led by Santos.

"They reported the matter to the guild so Trina felt we should write a letter to the network," he said. "We want to call attention to the plight of the composers who expect Katha to make a call of action in support of their position."

Direk Bert, however, pointed out that Katha is not picking a fight with ABS-CBN.

"We feel this issue should be ventilated," he said. "We're the guild and we should support the composers. I know it's just a drop in the bucket when the networks give what is due to the songwriters when their songs are being played. Some of these songwriters don't really have that much money."

Santos told the INQUIRER he has yet to read the Katha letter. "I haven't been to the office in a week since I've been doing remote and studio work," he said. But he said he is set to meet with Katha officers on Wednesday to discuss the matter.

Belamide suggested in the letter that ABS-CBN limit the entries to seven and not extend the deadline anymore.

"This would give the contest integrity and show an upholding of high standards, instead of making the songs appear like they barely met the standards," Belamide wrote. "We urge ABS-CBN to give the songwriters who have participated in the contest the respect they deserve."

Copies of the letter were also sent to Filscap, the Organisasyon ng Pilipinong Mang-aawit (OPM) and the Asosasyon ng Musikong Pilipino (AMP).

The Himig Handog issue aside, *Direk* Bert has plans for Katha. He wants to revive the Katha music awards with a grand awards night every year.

"The last one was in 1998," he said. "The organization has no funds and it's not getting any support from anyone. I threw my support behind Katha because it's dying. I want to help it. I believe that trends in local entertainment start in the music industry. I know it will be a long, uphill struggle, but I think we're getting somewhere."

Free delivery

THESE days, they don't just blatantly sell pirated videos in malls. There are video stores now that deliver, for free, the pirated discs and tapes to your doorstep.

According to a comedian-TV host, this is rampant in villages where unlicensed video shops abound. Some stores don't even have business permits. And even those with permits also sell or rent out pirated videos.

The homeowners are usually given a complete list of pirated videos, including even current films, both local and foreign. The list includes the phone numbers of the video store. You can choose from the list and call up the store for your order. The pirated videos are delivered on the same day.

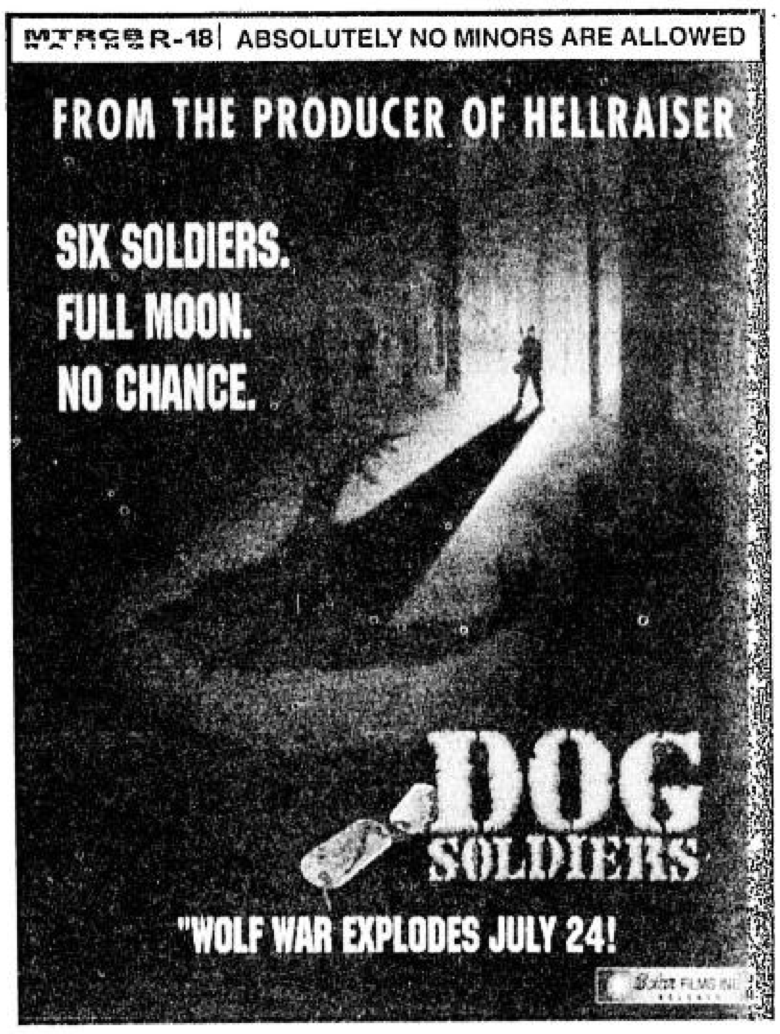
"It's just like pizza these days," remarks the comedian. "You don't have to look for pirated discs and tapes anymore. Those video pirates make it easier and convenient for you to patronize piracy. That's why the local film industry suffers a lot."

The comedian fears that if the practice continues, we may no longer watch movies in the theaters five years from now.

"Make that two years, even," the comedian says. "It's not being pessimistic, it's being realistic. These pirates are like mushrooms. You raid one place today, tomorrow you'll see the same people putting up stalls in a different place."

The comedian notes that even when action star **Bong Revilla Jr.** is now the head of the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB), and even if Bong has an aggressive anti-piracy campaign, it will still be next to impossible to totally get rid of video pirates.

"It will be a difficult task for Bong," the comedian says. "He has to do it nationwide. In the provinces, they have places where they can show a new film, like 'Magkapatid' and charge only P5 per viewer. How can theater owners compete with that?"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'Alikabok' excerpts on 'Aawitan Kita' tonight

AT 11 tonight on GMA 7, "Aawitan Kita" showcases "Halik ng Kahapon," based on the original stage musical "Alikabok," with libretto by Noel Balmaceda and music by Ryan Cayabyab.

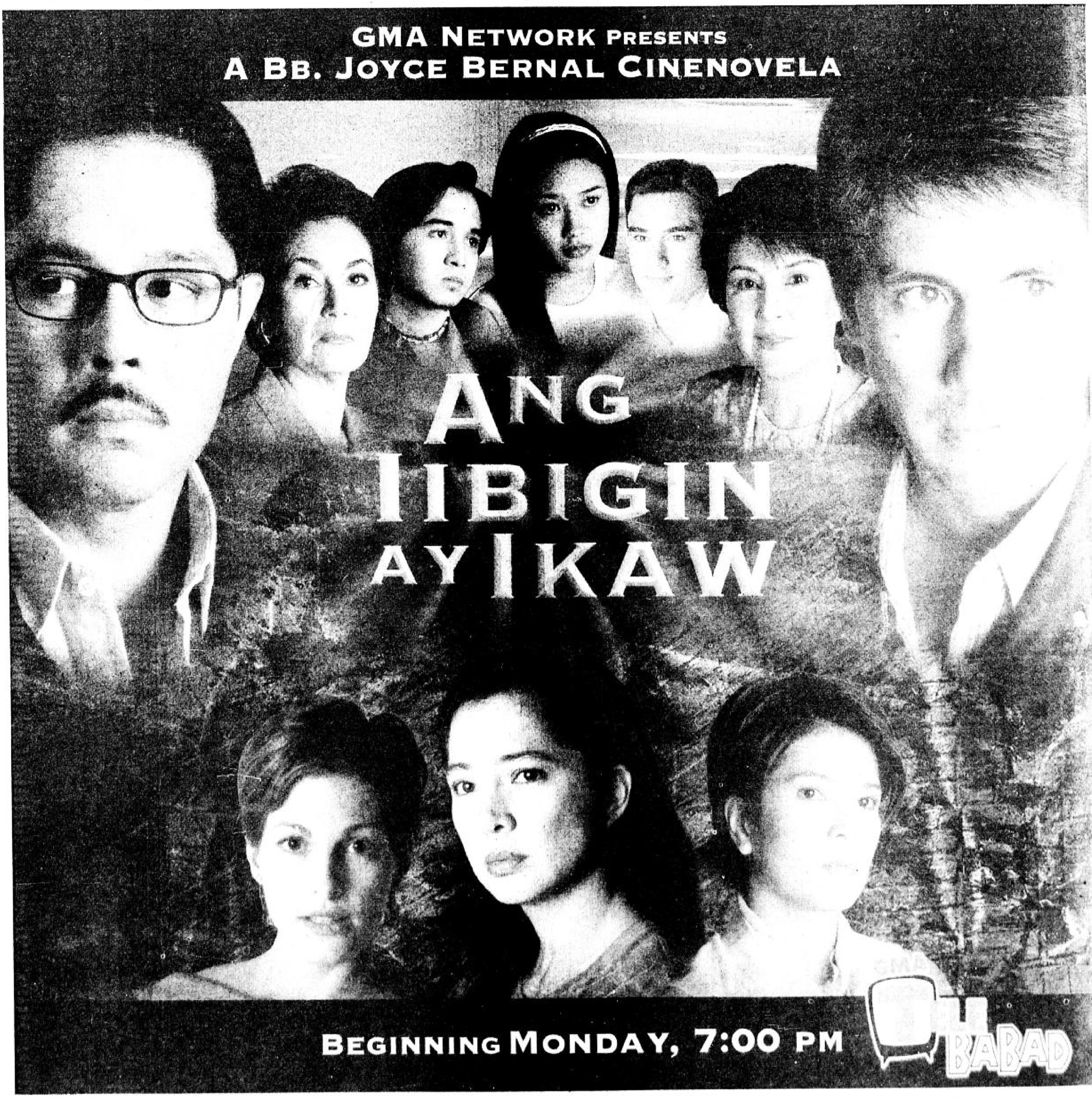
The musical is inspired by Juan Luna's masterpiece, "La Bulaqueña." The young girl delicately depicted in a *baro't-saya* in the oil painting is said to be Bising Vallejo, a *katipunera* from San Rafael, Bulacan, in the 1890's.

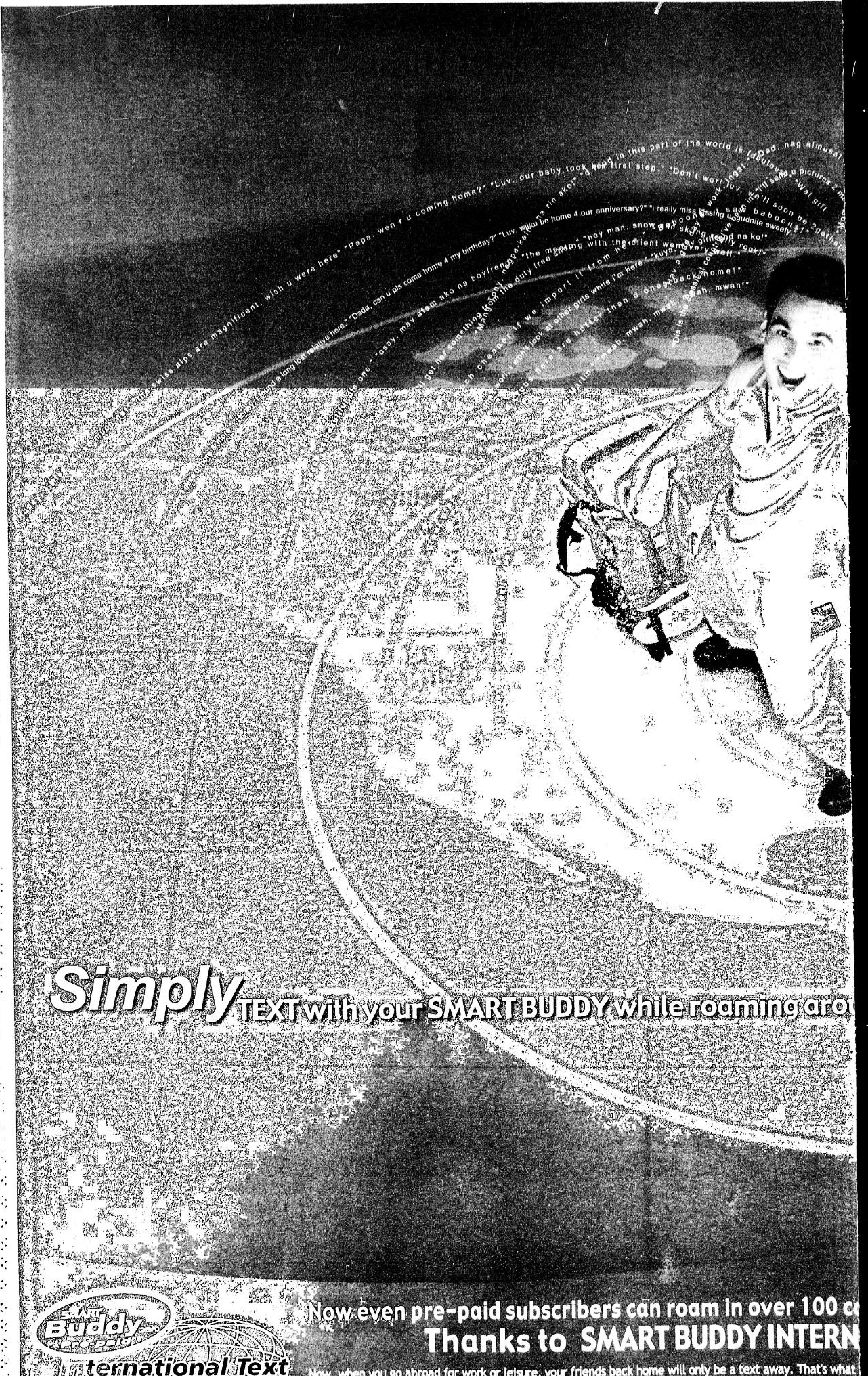
In the stage version, Bising's evolution into a brave revolutionary fighting for the country's independence against her father's wishes is revealed when her *balikbayan* great-grandson Greg and his wife Anna reads her diary in the dilapidated ancestral house in present day Philippines.

The "Aawitan Kita" version focuses solely on Bising, her overprotective but well-meaning father Don Simeon, her *katipunero* lover Ignacio and the comfortable world she chose to give up.

Cris and Jeffrey will reprise their roles in the re-staging of "Alikabok," with Nonoy Zuñiga playing Don Simeon, at the Music Museum on Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Evening shows at 8 p.m., with matinees at 3 p.m. Produced by Celeste Legaspi, Girlie Rodis and Monique Villonco, the stage version is directed by Tony Espejo.

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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"ETC.," **Boy Abunda**'s new show (5:30 p.m. weekdays on Channel 2) is a combination of—well, let's see: Its topics last Monday included shots of celebrities under real-life stress; a feature on bald stars; Manila filmfest boners, and a dwarf who drove a huge truck. It wasn't clear what these disparate items added up to.

The items on celebrities under stress were particularly perplexing: a senator's son being beaten up by a mob after he had an altercation with his girlfriend; an actress behaving hysterically after being locked out of her apartment due to her inability to pay the rent; a male action star hitting a motorist; a congressman and a security guard going at each other with bare fists.

What, the viewer wondered, was the point to resurrecting all of these old footages of violent or scandalous behavior involving celebrities? To show that reality is very different from famous people's glamorous, well-ordered lives? To caution other celebrities to behave better, whether in public or in private? Or simply to mine these incidents from the past for whatever gossip, scandal or shock value they still had left in them?

Another thought: was this an inexpensive way to generate footage for a new show—instead of shooting new footage, just dig up and reedit old news clips involving celebrities with feet of sullen clay. After all, wasn't this what foreign shows like "Hollywood Mysteries and Scandals" also did? If those hucksters in Hollywood can do it, why not their local counterparts?

True, but it's still rather dated and not very creative. We also wonder what the celebrities featured felt, to see their old "sins" being exhumed once more to haunt them to this day. Really, can't people just forgive and forget—and cease to exploit?

The second feature, on bald stars, was not very interesting either, despite the show's best effort to jazz up its treatment.

The Manila filmfest errors? They have been done to death on many other TV shows, and "etc." had no new take on them.

As for that last feature on the dwarf who could drive all those huge vehicles, we presume that it could be inspiring to other vertically-challenged people out there, but it was of merely passing interest to other viewers.

Also, it exacerbated local TV's fetish for features on physically-different people as objects of bug-eyed attention. Let's hope that the new show doesn't make this one of its regular offerings, so viewers can rise above the circus-sideshow mentality that this sort of thing engenders.

After watching the first telecast of "etc.," we wondered what the new show was really about. It seemed to be a mishmash of the "other side" of show biz and unusual snippets of life and people, plus old footage, some real-life comedy of errors, moments of "inspiration," a "moral lesson" or two to rationalize the whole thing, etc. An ungainly combination, if you ask us.

The show's Tuesday telecast came off better, with good features on people who make money during storms and floods, and **Lani Misalucha** impersonating a number of foreign and local divas.

The other features left something to be desired, however. The item on the guy who kissed **Vanessa del Bianco** on TV continued the show's fixation on weirdos, and the bits on how luminaries got their start in the biz were too sketchy to be interesting.

Still, some improvement was noted, and we hope "etc." continues to try to get its act together in succeeding telecasts.

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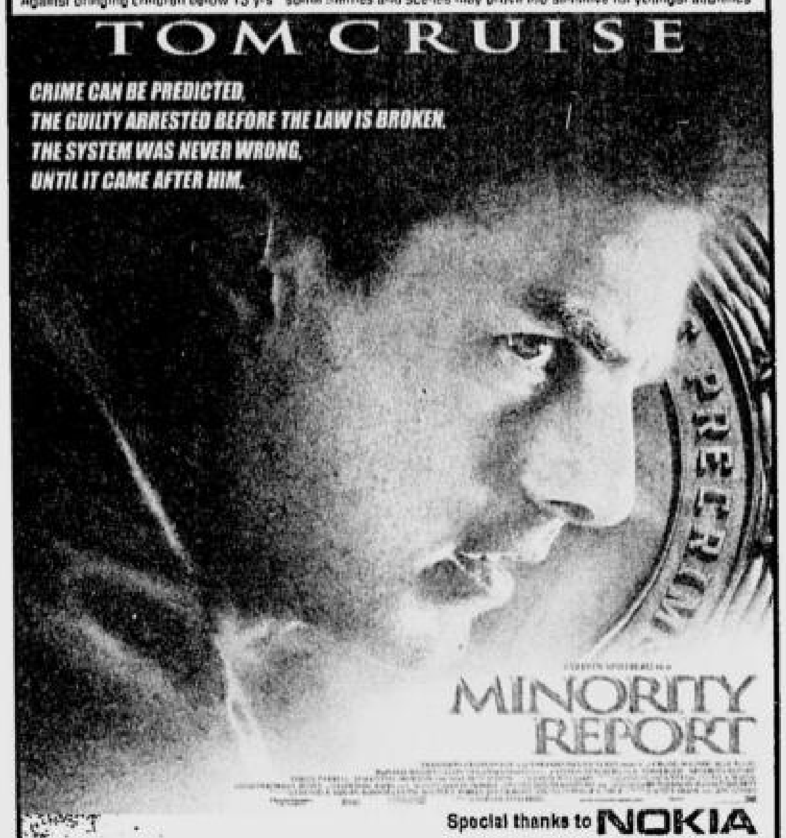

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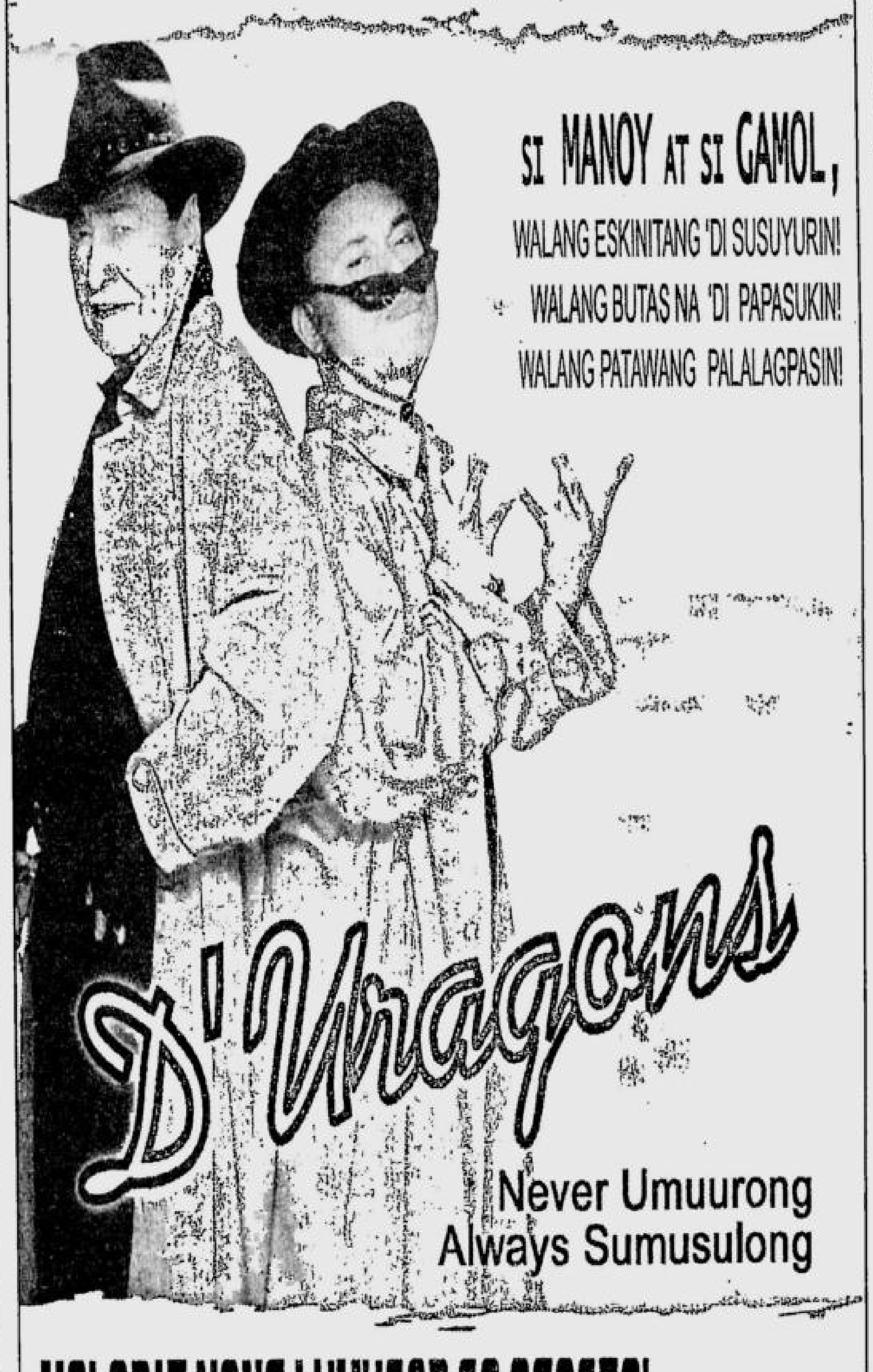

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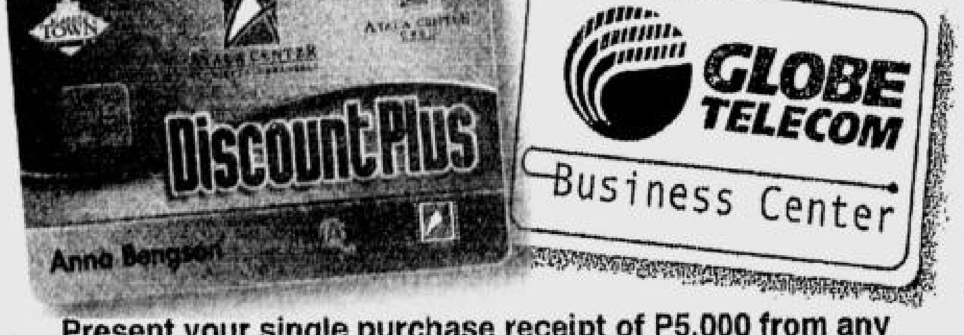

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Films . . .

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viewers but also mirror society. "I'm positive that everyone who saw 'Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang' was entertained and educated," he said.

Aguiluz said Filipinos can help Philippine movies gain global recognition by first creating an environment with an audience that is liberal and broadminded. "We do this by continually participating and hosting film festivals like Cinemanila," he said.

The 2002 Cinemanila will be divided into four sections: World Cinema, Asian Cinema, Philippine Cinema and Digital Program. It will showcase 75 feature films and about 20 documentaries and short films from more than 35 countries.

It will also pay tribute to multi-awarded director Mike de Leon. Some of his movies like "Bayaning Third World," "Aliwan Paradise," and "Kakabakaba Ka Ba?" will be shown during the festival.

Cinemanila is still trying to acquire the rights to other notable De Leon films like "Kisapmata" and "Itim."

As well, the event will feature some 15 short films from the Philippines. "We are still working on their subtitles," Aguiluz said.

The Cinemanila website (www.cinemanila.com.ph) will be able to present the complete list of film titles by next week.

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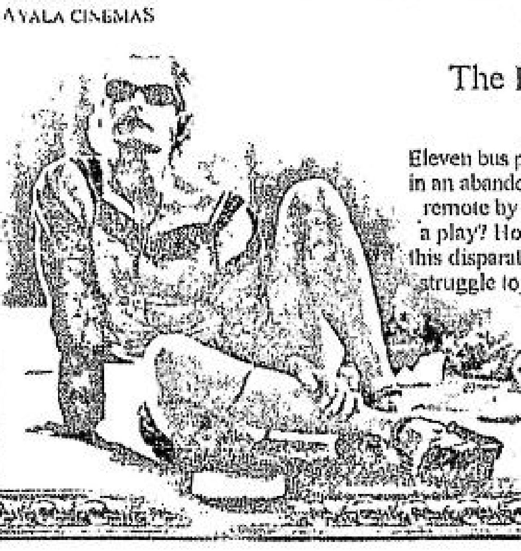

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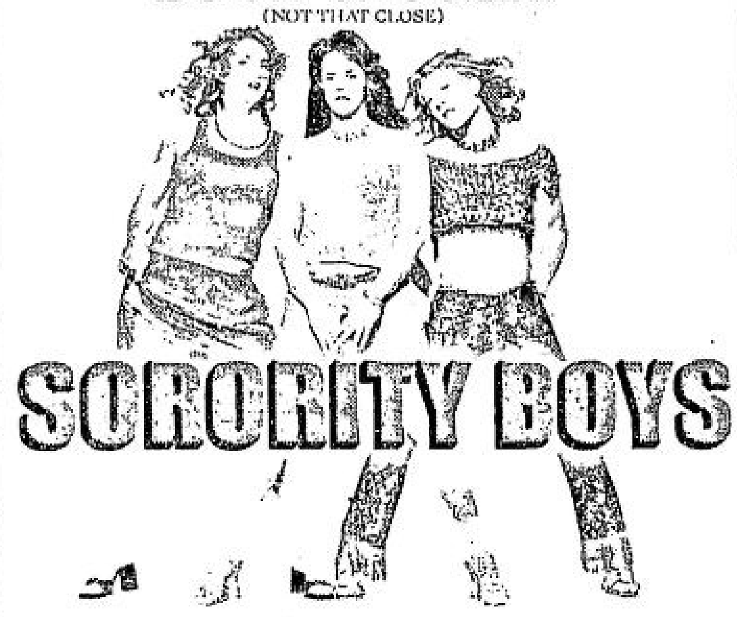

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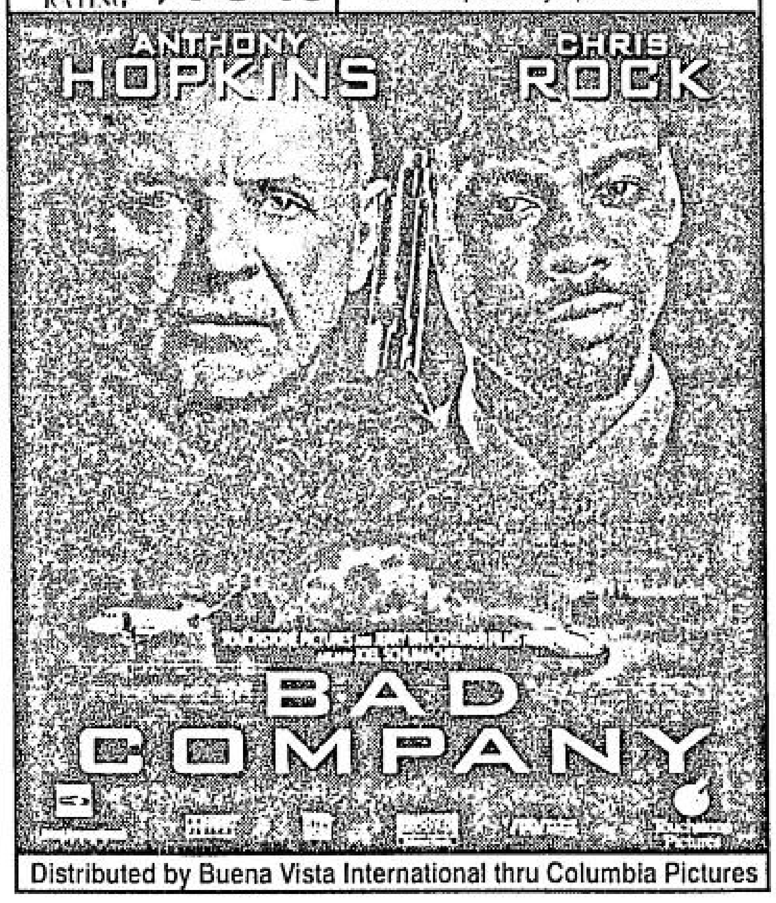

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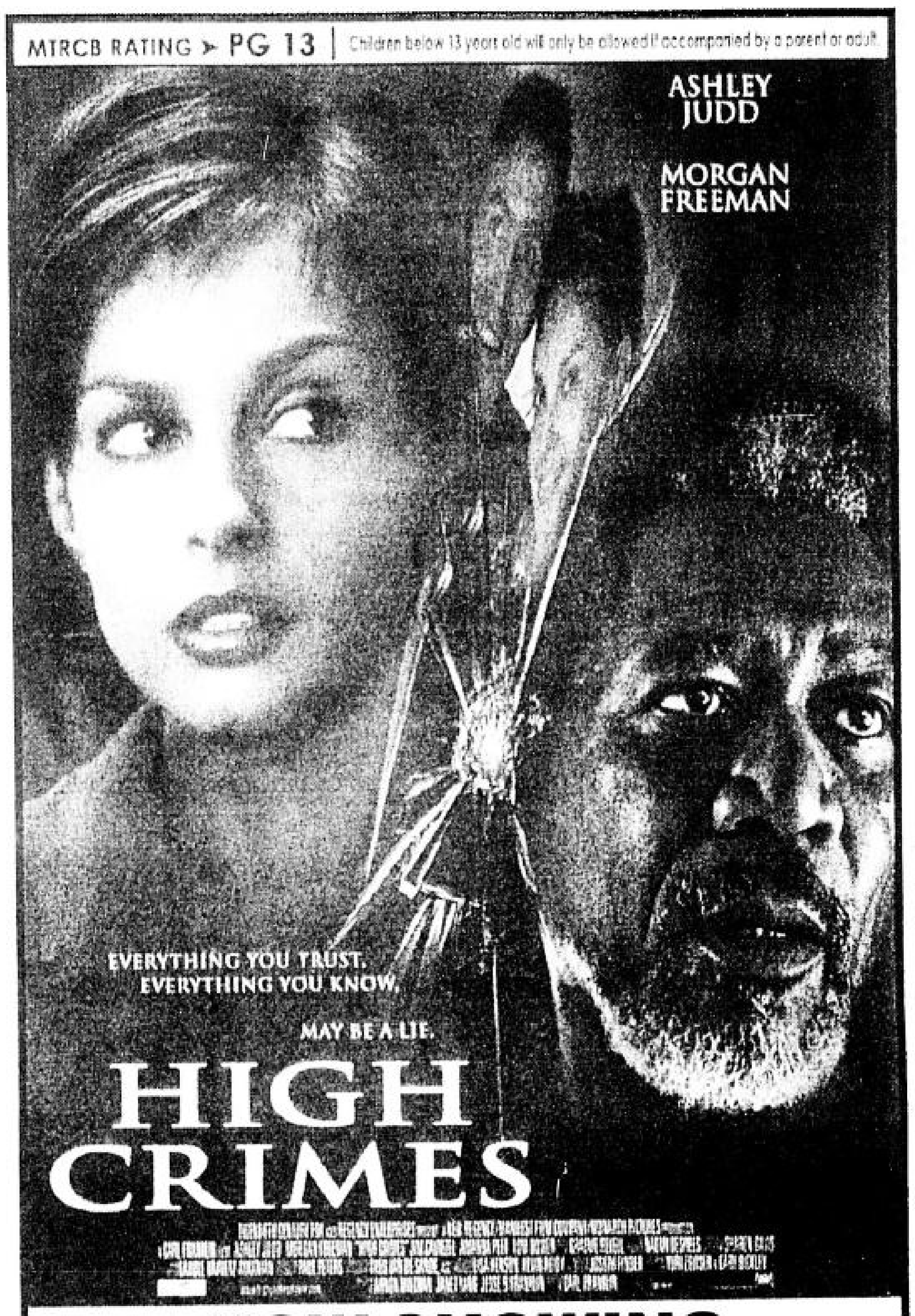

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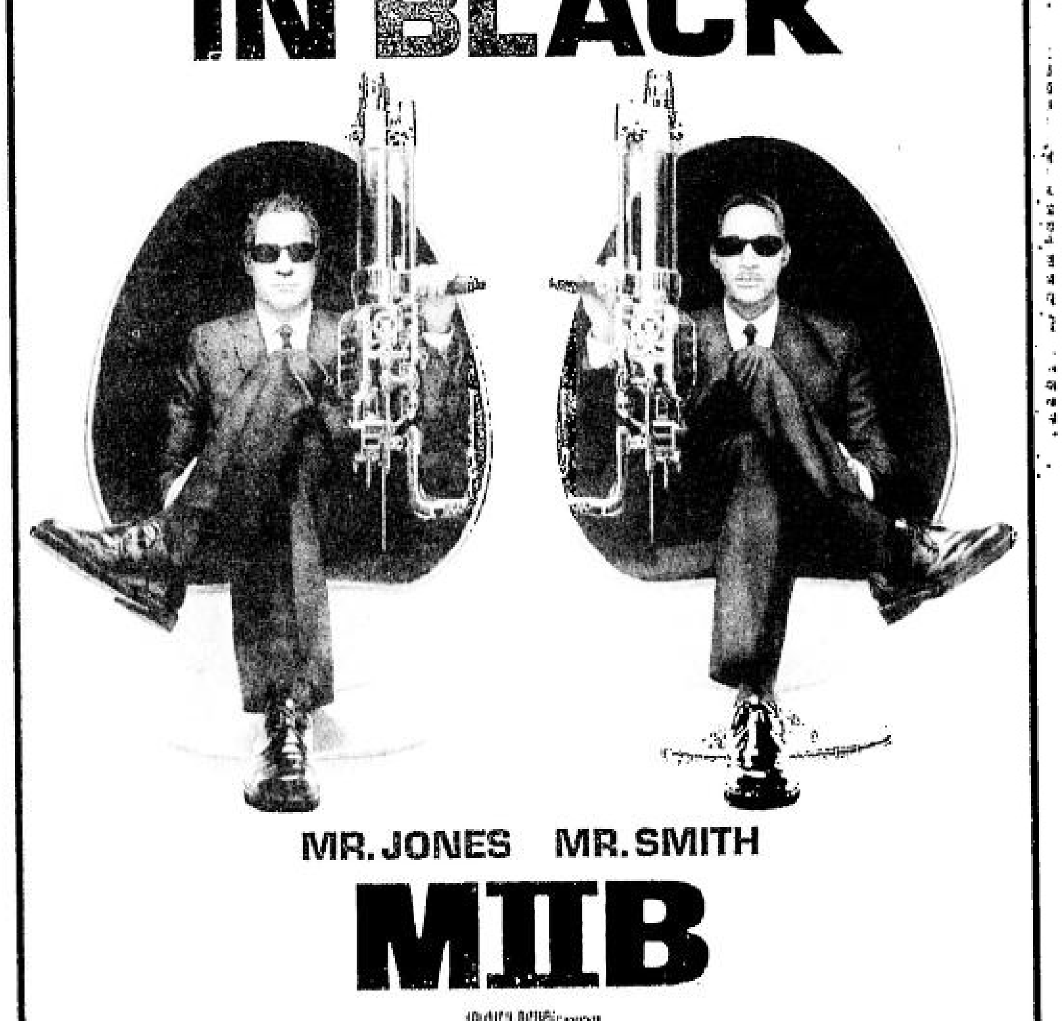

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Films, not personalities, to star in Cinemanila 2002

"GOOD HANDS," winner at the 2002 Berlin International Film Festival.

By Marinel R. Cruz

AS IN the 2002 Sundance Film Festival held in Utah, no Sharon Stone or Sylvester Stallone will grace this year's Cinemanila International Film Festival, said to be the "Sundance of Asia."

"Our films are our stars," filmmaker and festival director Tikoy Aguiluz tells a group of ambassadors, political attachés and newsmen during the launch of the 2002 Cinemanila International Film Festival last Wednesday at the Makati City Hall.

The 2002 CIFF will be held from Aug. 1-11 at the Glorietta and Greenbelt cinemas in Makati City, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and the University of the Philippines Film Center. A regional film tour will also be conducted in the cities of Cebu and Davao.

The annual event aims to provide a venue for local and international filmmakers to showcase their films, encourage cultural cooperation among nations through cinema and inspire filmmakers to create more independent films.

"But more than anything, Cinemanila strives to contribute to the renaissance of the film industry in the Philippines," said Makati Rep. Agapito "Butch" Aquino.

Aquino attended the event with Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, whose city is hosting the Cinemanila filmfest for the second consecutive year.

"We aim for global recognition for Makati as a venue for critically acclaimed works," said Binay.

He said the festival is expected to put Makati City on the global moviemaking map. "It's the city of the future," Binay declared.

Aquino added that "aside from being the country's financial capital, Makati is also a center for culture and the arts."

This year's film festival theme, "Whole World Watching," a play on the World Wide Web, gives emphasis to the major role of the Internet in the globalization of cinema and the international acceptance of Philippine films.

"We want to introduce the Philippines to the world as an emerging cinema," said Aguiluz.

He said that like the works of the late great Lino Brocka, films should not only entertain its

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The Party Event

The two-night show of Gary Valenciano and Latin R&B singer Joy Enriquez on Aug. 30 and 31 at the Araneta Coliseum has been indefinitely postponed due to "unavoidable circumstances," according to an insider of Viva Concerts, producer of the shows. Tickets will be refunded, said the producers.

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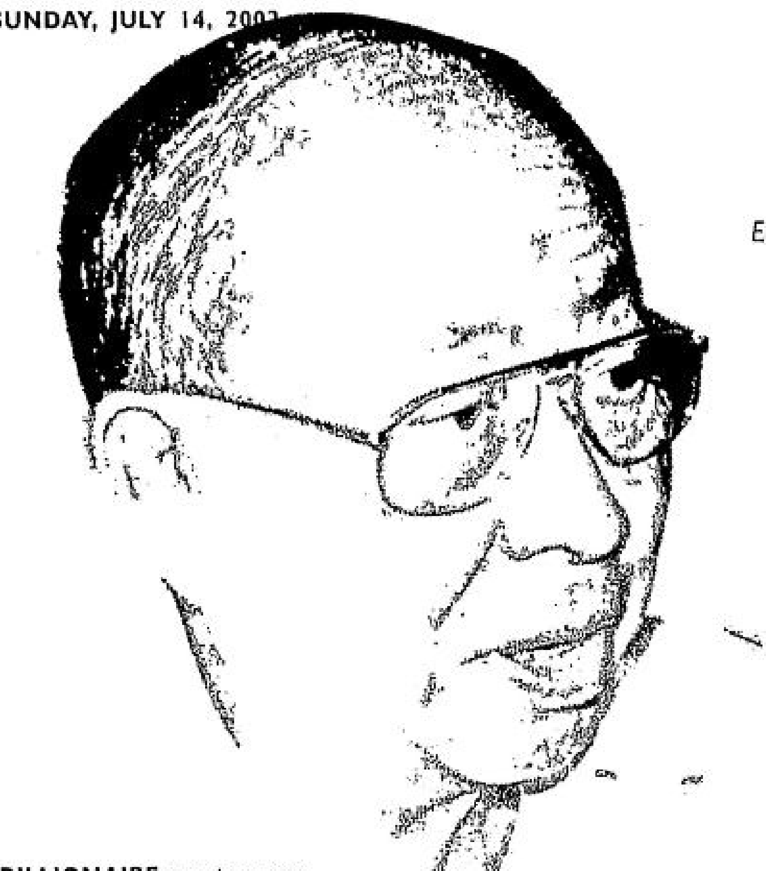

BILLIONAIRE wants more time for swimming, mangoes and chocolate ice cream.

YUCHENGCO as a young boy

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By Margie Quimpo-Espino

WHEN taipan Alfonso T. Yuchengco was born, his mother dressed him up as a girl to deceive the "gods" from thinking he was a boy.

The "deception" was needed because his parents thought the gods were going to take away any male child of theirs. Yuchengco's mother, Maria, had earlier given birth to three baby boys who all died at infancy.

As was the custom among the Chinese, Maria and husband Enrique adopted a boy for each of the infants. After the adoptions, Enrique and Maria had three girls and at 41, she gave birth to Alfonso.

For fear that her son would be taken away again, she dressed him up in girl's clothes until school age and only then did he shed the laces and ruffles and donned starched suits.

This tidbit in the life of one of the richest men in the country was shared by the 79-year-old Yuchengco himself to SundayBiz during an hour-long interview in his office on the 48th floor of the RCBC Plaza.

Like a little boy, he also shares his love for eating, in particular, ice cream—at least two scoops a day.

"Any brand," he says, although his favorite flavor is chocolate. The best combination for him is ice cream with mangoes.

His doctor tells him he eats too much but he does not care. After all, he swims regularly. When in Manila, he swims for 30 minutes in the 15-meter pool in his home in Forbes Park. He prefers the breaststroke and backstroke.

In New York, where he works as the country's permanent resident to the United Nations, he laments he only gets to swim only thrice a week because he does not have a pool in his place.

Yuchengco grew up amid wealth and admits he never had a difficult time in his life financially.

His father's empire included insurance and construction (Don Enrique was the contractor of the Post Office in Manila). The taipan went to school in a chauffeur-driven Packard and went around the world at 12.

He started his studies in a Chinese school and eventually continued in De La Salle University. He finished accounting at the Far Eastern University. He was pursuing his master's degree at Columbia University in the United States when he had to go home when his father got sick.

His three adopted brothers gave way to the young Yuchengco who further developed his father's businesses.

His business empire, the Yuchengco Group of Companies, is estimated to be worth over $3.1 billion (P150 billion). YGC was built from the insurance firm his father started in the 1930s.

Today the diversified empire includes insurance—life and non-life—banking, construction, trading, car dealership, IT, education, real estate and more.

His companies include the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., House of Investments which has nine firms under it, including EEI Corp. and the Mapua Institute of Technology.

He also owns Mico Equities Inc. which is the non-life insurance holding company, the GPL Holdings Inc., the life insurance holding company which includes the Great Pacific Life Assurance Company or Grepalife and Pacific Plans Inc.

The experience of being dressed up as a girl did not affect Alfonso at all. In fact, it may have had the opposite effect. He has earned a reputation of being an "appreciator" of beautiful women.

When asked what he would do when he retires, his reply was "I told my children and grandchildren, I will devote my time to all the girls I loved before." To which a granddaughter quipped, "you have to fill up the RCBC auditorium," which seats 450.

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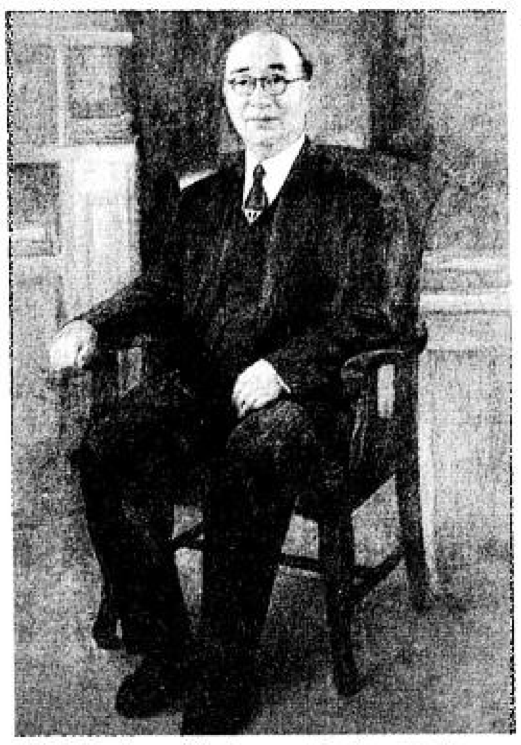
THE TAIPAN with his late wife, Teresa Gomez



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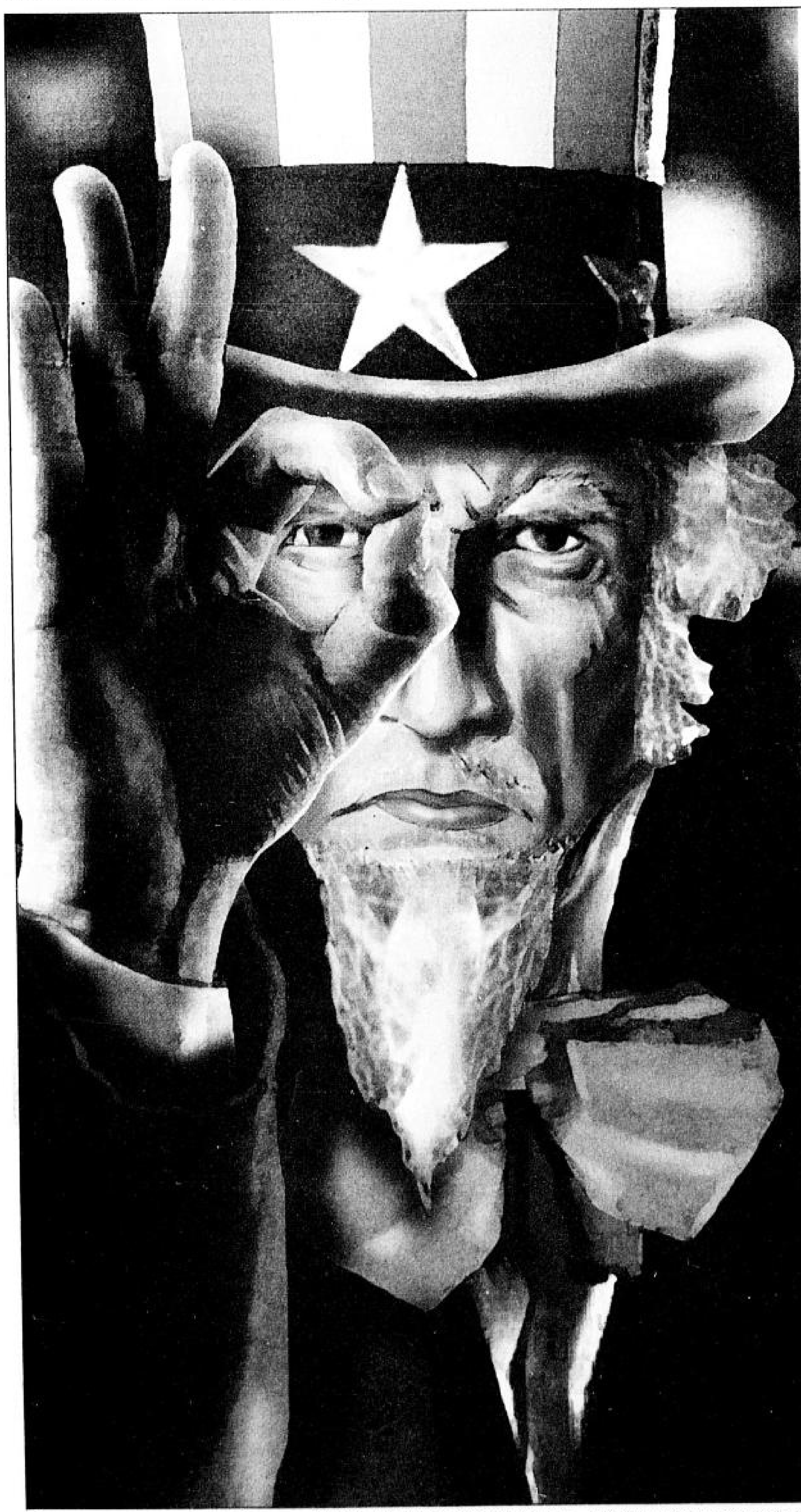

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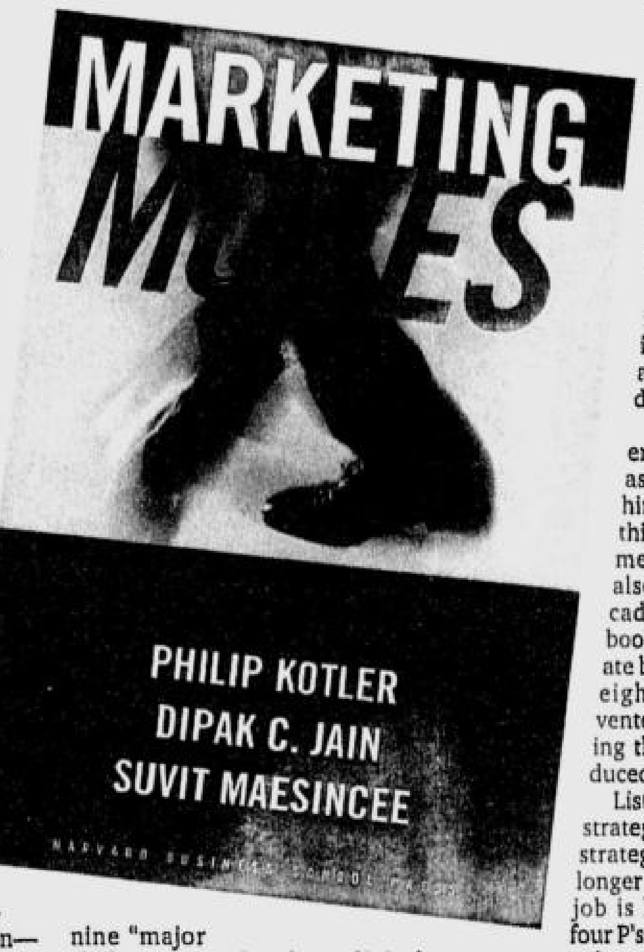

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When Copernicus declared that the sun is the center of the universe, not the earth, that revolutionary statement rocked the scientific and theological foundations of the leaders of his time.

When, after circumnavigating the world, the voyager said that the earth is round, not flat, everyone was confused and scholars went back to their drawing boards and threw away all studies that proceeded from a false premise.

When many scholars and businessmen declared that the "new economy" was upon us—driven by the information revolution—many wondered what happened.

Others wandered around in the "new wilderness" confused as ever, still many others unable to cope with dramatic changes went bankrupt—and the majority of us now ask: "What is really happening?"

Many books have been written on the "new" economy, on "customer-driven" firms, on the meteorically rising and falling dot-coms, and on the baffling digital world.

Many of these have been useful, giving us an understanding of one facet of such economy, or one astonishing aspect of such phenomenon. Thus, we sigh that, somehow, we can make sense out of this "new thing."

But, it takes Philip Kotler, the marketing guru and principal author of "Marketing Moves" to make the "new economy" in its variegated forms understandable to many of us.

Trust Kotler to spot previous concepts and say that they no longer hold true. For example, he juxtaposes two contrasting laws:

"Company growth in the industrial age was limited by the operation of the law of diminishing returns . . . (but) growth in the new economy is governed by self-reinforcing cycles. Consider Metcalfe's law: The cost of the network expands linearly with increase in network size, but the value of the network increases exponentially."

nine "major shifts toward the digital economy," which are discussed at length with a lot of insights in the book.

You will be shocked to know that the phrases we used just yesterday have been thrown out of the window by Kotler and his team.

For example, one other major movement is the shift "from corporate governance to market governance." Just the other day, a seminar on corporate governance was held as if it was a newfound concept.

Talking of keeping abreast of what is "in" and what is "out," this book gives you a leading edge.

The book will not only make you fashionable and ahead of the rest. In fact, the more important contribution of this book is the way it has organized the new manifestations of the "digital economy" into bite-size clusters, enabling you to relate otherwise separate developments.

The book says that marketing should not be the function of the marketing department alone—and that's not new. What's groundbreaking, though, is the authors' construction of the "Holistic Marketing Framework"—which combines three important concerns—Customer Focus, Core Competencies and Collaborative Network.

At first glance, that doesn't seem new either, until the authors show how market offerings, marketing activities, business architecture, and operational system all work together to drive corporate and business strategies that lead to profitability and shareholder value.

Well, that's a mouthful—but it is such because it delivers in a capsule how a company thrives in the digital economy.

Gird up for studying every "competitive platform" as prescribed by the guru himself. This book is not as thick as "Marketing Management," authored by Kotler also and published two decades ago. (That's our textbook at Asia's premier graduate business school in the early eighties.) Has Kotler reinvented himself? Is he now saying that the concepts he introduced no longer hold?

Listen to him: "New business strategies call for new marketing strategies and practices. We no longer believe that the marketer's job is limited to managing the four P's or to determining segmentation, targeting, and positioning."

Yes, Kotler is acknowledging major changes—and he has revised his theories.

And yet, Kotler always manages to be at the crest of the wave of these changes—and, from that perch, he sees major patterns and thus composes the big picture.

He points out: "The old economy is based on the model of manufacturing that came out of the industrial revolution . . . The new economy, by contrast, emerges from the information revolution, with its advances in computerization, digitization, and telecommunications."

Again, trust Kotler to illuminate history and current events. And trust him, too, to make fine distinctions: "Unfortunately, many people confuse the new economy with the high-flying dot-coms that burst on the scene . . . But the new economy is not only about dot-coms. It is about something more fundamental: the emergence of a network economy."

There lies the central truth in this book. Businesses are much more networked—and firms that use such "connectedness" to the hilt will not only survive—but thrive in this century.

The last word of the book's title—"Marketing*Moves*"—was set in italics to underscore a point: Everything is dynamic. What we know as truth now may change overnight. Kotler, the marketing guru, made sure that point sinks.

He changed his mind on many concepts and strategies. It's time we changed ours. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

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After more than half a century of working, Yuchengco has decided to spend the rest of his life "doing what I want to do at the moment."

He says he already told President Macapagal-Arroyo that he would retire at the end of the year.

The man who turns 80 in February next year, admits nearing his twilight and says he will submit to the Being when He decides to take him.

His goal is "to go to heaven" but adds that he feels he cannot because of his "many sins." He talks about the Supreme Being in a humble yet matter-of-fact way.

Ask him where his business acumen comes from, and his answer would be "from God." Did his children inherit his business sense? He answers: "I pray for my children. Some think they are smarter than me."

Yuchengco has no pretensions about how he made his business grow. He says his formula for success is luck.

We suggest, "Blessings?" and he softly echoes the word.

But although he displays the typical Chinese belief in luck, insiders say he is actually a very deliberate man who does not leave anything to chance.

For instance, he set up a holding company and gave the shares to his children while retaining all the voting shares.

He has drawn up a will, which he says he "regularly reviews depending on the happenings in the country."

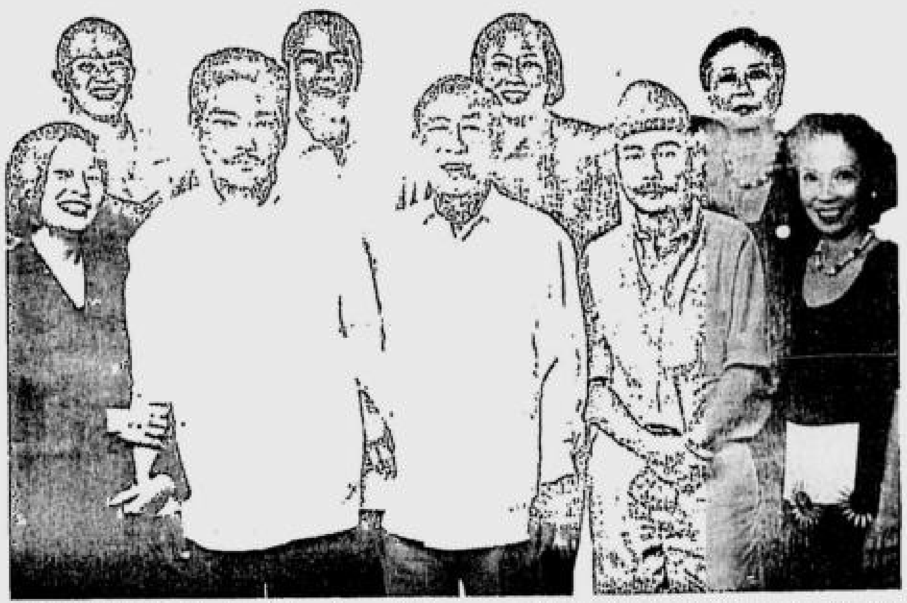
He got on board his empire two experts in business and economics—Cesar EA Virata, a former prime minister, and Rizalino S. Navarro, former trade and industry secretary.

The two were meant to lead the empire while he attended to his diplomatic posts. He was ambassador to China during Corazon Aquino's time and then to Japan during Fidel Ramos' time.

When he was ambassador to Japan he had to relinquish his functions in YGC, but he got back to it as soon as he returned in 1998. He had to give it up again last year with the US posting.

WITH former US President Bill Clinton.

A RARE audience with Pope John Paul II.


YUCHENGCO Family. (Front row) Yvonne, Albert, the Ambassador, Alfonso Jr., Michele (representing Helen), Alfonso III, Mona Lisa and Susanne.

Yuchengco says he feels his job at the UN is too slow because most of his time is spent attending sessions where many just "talk, talk, talk."

He prefers the more dynamic life he led in China and in Japan. He says his mandate was simple in those two countries—get investments. So he went around the two countries and talked to any investor who was interested in setting up shop in the Philippines.

But before he leaves the UN, he intends to fulfill his one main instruction from the President.

"When I went to New York, I had one instruction—to get a seat at the Security Council for the Philippines," he says.

Yuchengco is confident that he will be able to do this. By September, he says he will ask for a written endorsement from the Asia-Pacific countries for the Philippines to get a seat on the powerful committee.

The elections for the Security Council is scheduled for November 2003 and whoever takes his place will have a two-year term at the Council if the Philippines is accepted.

Despite his absence from the empire, not one of Yuchengco's three sons sits in the driver's seat.

His three sons—Alfonso "Boy" Jr., Alberto and Alfonso "Tito" III are board members of various firms, but are not really in the thick of things. Boy is a jazz musician who lives in a house he built himself while Albert is involved in some of the smaller firms.

AL and Teresa with German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Alfonso Yuchengco III, his namesake, left the group in 2000 amid varied speculations of family infighting. One report has it that Tito preferred to pursue his own entrepreneurial ventures.

The women are more active.

Yuchengco has six girls (one, Elena, passed away in 1998) and one of the most active in the group is Helen Y. Dee who is married to Peter S. Dee of Chinabank, and is president and CEO of House of Investments.

Yvonne Yuchengco is president and CEO of the Malayan Insurance group; Susanne Y. Santos is chair of RCBC Savings and president of the AY Foundation; Mona Lisa is in charge of a magazine called Filipinas that is circulated in the United States and Annabelle Y. Puey handles Pan Malayan Travel.

Yuchengco's talent for diplomacy was inspired by the world trip he took with his father in 1935.

In the chapter written by Jonathan Best in Dragon in the East: The Story of the Yuchengco Group of Companies, he states that "This was the young [illegible] first trip abroad and the start of his lifelong interest in foreign travel and international events."

But his test came in 1964 when he put together the Pan-Malayan Insurance Corp. a union of three firms of varied nationalities—Ma[illegible] Insu[illegible] Co., Appl[illegible] & [illegible] the U[illegible] States and [illegible] and Fire Insurance Co. of Japan.

He met many men during his travels who later became leaders in their own nations.

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Since that time, China has not even sent a greeting during the yearly anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

He muses why the government is still talking to CPP leaders who are no longer Filipinos.

Yuchengco also does not think that the Philippines is a hopeless case. He even says that "Filipinos are very bright."

Asked his opinion [illegible] improve the country [illegible] country [illegible] "a dictator." "A benevolent one," he quickly adds.

But he admits that the problem with dictators is "how to keep them honest." He quotes, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

His suggestion: Ask the private [illegible] for the dic[illegible] of his life [illegible] comfort.

Of course he says the problem is that there is no one right now who appears to be a candidate for the dictatorship.

So does this mean that the Philippines will never get out of the rut it is in?

"Never say never [illegible] that is too long." [illegible] not in our lifetime [illegible]

[illegible] not have any vision of changing the world. But in his own way he has.

Some 30 years ago, he set up the A.Y. Foundation, which became the social development arm of the group.

To Yuchengco, the foundation was set up simply because "I wanted to do something for the community."

The Foundation's thrusts today are divided into four—education, citizenship, civic consciousness, community health and institutional support.

The Yuchengco Group is one of the few companies in the country that allots one percent of its profits for social-development projects.

Yuchengco explains that when times are bad, and profits are down, the Pan Malayan Management and Investment Group, the holding company, [illegible] up the shortfall.

"There are ongoing projects that you cannot stop when there is no money," he points out.

Next month the foundation is set to inaugurate a 100-bed hospital along the Coastal Road, named after his mother.

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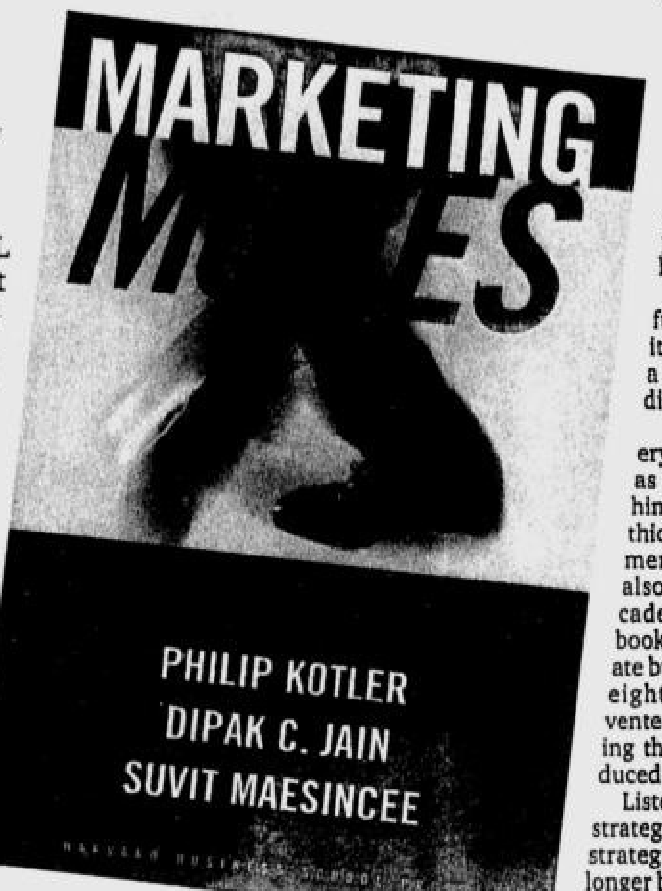

WHEN MINDSET-ALTERING changes hit us—scientific, business or mathematical—we, like a groggy boxer hit by a whammy, ask: "Wha' happened?"

When Copernicus declared that the sun is the center of the universe, not the earth, that revolutionary statement rocked the scientific and theological foundations of the leaders of his time.

When, after circumnavigating the world, the voyager said that the earth is round, not flat, everyone was confused and scholars went back to their drawing boards and threw away all studies that proceeded from a false premise.

When many scholars and businessmen declared that the "new economy" was upon us—driven by the information revolution—many wondered what happened.

Others wandered around in the "new wilderness" confused as ever, still many others unable to cope with dramatic changes went bankrupt—and the majority of us now ask: "What is really happening?"

Many books have been written on the "new" economy, on "customer-driven" firms, on the meteorically rising and falling dot-coms, and on the baffling digital world.

EXECUTIVE READ

Many of these have been useful, giving us an understanding of one facet of such economy, or one astonishing aspect of such phenomenon. Thus, we sigh that, somehow, we can make sense out of this "new thing."

But, it takes Philip Kotler, the marketing guru and principal author of "Marketing Moves" to make the "new economy" in its variegated forms understandable to many of us.

Trust Kotler to spot previous concepts and say that they no longer hold true. For example, he juxtaposes two contrasting laws:

"Company growth in the industrial age was limited by the operation of the law of diminishing returns . . . (but) growth in the new economy is governed by self-reinforcing cycles. Consider Metcalfe's law: The cost of the network expands linearly with increase in network size, but the value of the network increases exponentially."

nine "major shifts toward the digital economy," which are discussed at length with a lot of insights in the book.

You will be shocked to know that the phrases we used just yesterday have been thrown out of the window by Kotler and his team.

For example, one other major movement is the shift "from corporate governance to market governance." Just the other day, a seminar on corporate governance was held as if it was a newfound concept.

Talking of keeping abreast of what is "in" and what is "out," this book gives you a leading edge.

The book will not only make you fashionable and ahead of the rest. In fact, the more important contribution of this book is the way it has organized the new manifestations of the "digital economy" into bite-size clusters, enabling you to relate otherwise separate developments.

The book says that marketing should not be the function of the marketing department alone—and that's not new. What's groundbreaking, though, is the authors' construction of the "Holistic Marketing Framework"—which combines three important concerns—Customer Focus, Core Competencies and Collaborative Network.

At first glance, that doesn't seem new either, until the authors show how market offerings, marketing activities, business architecture, and operational system all work together to drive corporate and business strategies that lead to profitability and shareholder value.

Well, that's a mouthful—but it is such because it delivers in a capsule how a company thrives in the digital economy.

Gird up for studying every "competitive platform" as prescribed by the guru himself. This book is not as thick as "Marketing Management," authored by Kotler also and published two decades ago. (That's our textbook at Asia's premier graduate business school in the early eighties.) Has Kotler reinvented himself? Is he now saying that the concepts he introduced no longer hold?

Listen to him: "New business strategies call for new marketing strategies and practices. We no longer believe that the marketer's job is limited to managing the four P's or to determining segmentation, targeting, and positioning."

Yes, Kotler is acknowledging major changes—and he has revised his theories.

And yet, Kotler always manages to be at the crest of the wave of these changes—and, from that perch, he sees major patterns and thus composes the big picture.

He points out: "The old economy is based on the model of manufacturing that came out of the industrial revolution . . . The new economy, by contrast, emerges from the information revolution, with its advances in computerization, digitization, and telecommunications."

Again, trust Kotler to illuminate history and current events. And trust him, too, to make fine distinctions: "Unfortunately, many people confuse the new economy with the high-flying dot-coms that burst on the scene . . . But the new economy is not only about dot-coms. It is about something more fundamental: the emergence of a network economy."

There lies the central truth in this book. Businesses are much more networked—and firms that use such "connectedness" to the hilt will not only survive—but thrive in this century.

The last word of the book's title—"Marketing*Moves*"—was set in italics to underscore a point: Everything is dynamic. What we know as truth now may change overnight. Kotler, the marketing guru, made sure that point sinks.

He changed his mind on many concepts and strategies. It's time we changed ours. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

For A.Y., it's 'live life for the moment'

From page B1

WITH former US President Bill Clinton.

A RARE audience with Pope John Paul II.

YUCHENGCO Family. (Front row) Yvonne, Albert, the Ambassador, Alfonso Jr., Michele (representing Helen), Alfonso III, Mona Lisa and Susanne.

After more than half a century of working, Yuchengco has decided to spend the rest of his life "doing what I want to do at the moment."

He says he already told President Macapagal-Arroyo that he would retire at the end of the year.

The man who turns 80 in February next year, admits nearing his twilight and says he will submit to the Being when He decides to take him.

His goal is "to go to heaven" but adds that he feels he cannot because of his "many sins." He talks about the Supreme Being in a humble yet matter-of-fact way.

Ask him where his business acumen comes from, and his answer would be "from God." Did his children inherit his business sense? He answers: "I pray for my children. Some think they are smarter than me."

Yuchengco has no pretensions about how he made his business grow. He says his formula for success is luck.

We suggest, "Blessings?" and he softly echoes the word.

But although he displays the typical Chinese belief in luck, insiders say he is actually a very deliberate man who does not leave anything to chance.

For instance, he set up a holding company and gave the shares to his children while retaining all the voting shares.

He has drawn up a will, which he says he "regularly reviews depending on the happenings in the country."

He got on board his empire two experts in business and economics—Cesar EA Virata, a former prime minister, and Rizalino S. Navarro, former trade and industry secretary.

The two were meant to lead the empire while he attended to his diplomatic posts. He was ambassador to China during Corazon Aquino's time and then to Japan during Fidel Ramos' time.

When he was ambassador to Japan he had to relinquish his functions in YGC, but he got back to it as soon as he returned in 1998. He had to give it up again last year with the US posting.

Yuchengco says he feels his job at the UN is too slow because most of his time is spent attending sessions where many just "talk, talk, talk."

He prefers the more dynamic life he led in China and in Japan. He says his mandate was simple in those two countries—get investments. So he went around the two countries and talked to any investor who was interested in setting up shop in the Philippines.

But before he leaves the UN, he intends to fulfill his one main instruction from the President.

"When I went to New York, I had one instruction—to get a seat at the Security Council for the Philippines," he says.

Yuchengco is confident that he will be able to do this. By September, he says he will ask for a written endorsement from the Asia-Pacific countries for the Philippines to get a seat on the powerful committee.

The elections for the Security Council is scheduled for November 2003 and whoever takes his place will have a two-year term at the Council if the Philippines is accepted.

Despite his absence from the empire, not one of Yuchengco's three sons sits in the driver's seat.

His three sons—Alfonso "Boy" Jr., Alberto and Alfonso "Tito" III are board members of various firms, but are not really in the thick of things. Boy is a jazz musician who lives in a house he built himself while Albert is involved in some of the smaller firms.

AL and Teresa with German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Alfonso Yuchengco III, his namesake, left the group in 2000 amid varied speculations of family infighting. One report has it that Tito preferred to pursue his own entrepreneurial ventures.

The women are more active.

Yuchengco has six girls (one, Elena, passed away in 1998) and one of the most active in the group is Helen Y. Dee who is married to Peter S. Dee of Chinabank, and is president and CEO of House of Investments.

Yvonne Yuchengco is president and CEO of the Malayan Insurance group; Susanne Y. Santos is chair of RCBC Savings and president of the AY Foundation; Mona Lisa is in charge of a magazine called Filipinas that is circulated in the United States and Annabelle Y. Puey handles Pan Malayan Travel.

Yuchengco's talent for diplomacy was inspired by the world trip he took with his father in 1935.

In the chapter written by Jonathan Best in Dragon in the East: The Story of the Yuchengco Group of Companies, he states that: "This was the young Alfonso's first trip abroad and the start of his lifelong interest in foreign travel and international events."

But his test came in 1964 when he put together the Pan-Malayan Insurance Corp. a union of three firms of varied nationalities—Malayan Insurance Co., Appleton & Cox of the United States, and Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. of Japan.

He met many men during his travels who later became leaders in their own nations.

He relates the story of Cory Aquino's state visit to China, when he was ambassador. Chinese premiere Deng Xiaoping promised that he would not be involved in any way in the Communist movement in the Philippines.

Since that time, China has not even sent a greeting during the yearly anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

He muses why the government is still talking to CPP leaders who are no longer Filipinos.

Yuchengco also does not think that the Philippines is a hopeless case. He even says that "Filipinos are very bright."

Asked his opinion on how to improve the country, he says the country needs "a dictator." "A benevolent one," he quickly adds.

But he admits that the problem with dictators is "how to keep them honest." He quotes, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

His suggestion: Ask the private sector to prepare a kitty for the dictator to live off the rest of his life after his term in utmost comfort.

Of course he says the problem is that there is no one right now who appears to be a candidate for the dictatorship.

So does this mean that the Philippines will never get out of the rut it is in?

"Never say never—that is too long." Just not in our lifetime, he admits.

He does not have any vision of changing the world. But in his own way he has.

Some 30 years ago, he set up the A.Y. Foundation, which became the social development arm of the group.

To Yuchengco, the foundation was set up simply because "I wanted to do something for the community."

The Foundation's thrusts today are divided into four—education, citizenship, civic consciousness, community health and institutional support.

The Yuchengco Group is one of the few companies in the country that allots one percent of its profits for social-development projects.

Yuchengco explains that when times are bad, and profits are down, the Pan Malayan Management and Investment Group, the holding company, takes up the shortfall.

"There are ongoing projects that you cannot stop when there is no money," he points out.

Next month the foundation is set to inaugurate a 100-bed hospital along the Coastal Road, named after his mother.

He says he has many sins, but the over 5,000 students he sent to school may need a lot of convincing.

Exec's work condition: Pay for my dogs' costs

From page B2

Novotel Bangna in Pravet, Bangkok; The Manila Hotel; The Montien Hotels in Bangkok and Pattaya; The Excelsior, Causeway Bay in Hong Kong; Century Park Sheraton Manila and Hyatt Embarcadero in San Francisco, California.

Gomez has a Master's degree in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management and obtained a Master in Professional Studies in Hotel Administration from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

His dogs, he says, provide him the continuity that he craves for. Unlike other people who would rather collect inanimate objects, he keeps dogs that provide him unconditional love.

Gomez loves keeping his dogs by his side that he has implemented a pet policy at the Fraser Place, making it only one of a few serviced apartments in Makati that allow pets.

The pet, however, must not be more than 2 feet tall when they stand on their four legs and that they should be in Fraser Place suites that have access to a service elevator.

One happy customer is a general manager of a telecommunications firm who transferred to Fraser Place because he could now bring his two Schnauzers.

Gomez says his dogs do not stay with him in Fraser Place, preferring to keep his dogs in Parañaque because of the open space. He, thus, splits his time between his duties at Fraser Place and his desire to stay with them as long as he could.

Gomez relates that he always gets a rush when he comes home from work and finds Gaston happy to see him.

"When he realizes that I am there, he would run back and bark at the maids as if to tell them, hey, daddy is home," he says.

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Filipino Fund, Inc. will be held at The Ballroom 3, Dusit Hotel Nikko, Ayala Center, Makati City on Friday, July 26, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. with the following agenda:

1. Calling of meeting to order.
2. Certification of notice.
3. Determination and declaration of quorum.
4. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Annual Stockholders Meeting held on June 21, 2001.
5. Presentation and approval of the Annual Report and other reports of the Investment Manager.
6. Approval and confirmation of all acts of the Board of Directors and of Management during the past year.
7. Election of Directors.
8. The appointment of BPI Asset Management as the Investment Manager of the Fund.
9. Appointment of External Auditors
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on May 31, 2002, the record date and time fixed by the Board of Directors, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, said meeting.

Admission to the meeting will be by Stockholder's Identification cards only. If you are a stockholder of record and plan to attend, please bring the Stockholder's Identification Card, attached to the Proxy Form/Voting Ticket sent to you via mail/pouch. If you are a stockholder whose shares are held through an intermediary such as a bank or a broker and you plan to attend, you may request a Stockholder's Identification Card by writing to the Office of the Secretary, 17th Floor BPI Building, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas St., Makati City. Evidence/certification of your ownership, which you can obtain from your bank, broker, etc., must accompany your letter.

In order that your stock may be represented at the meeting in case you are not personally present please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy/voting instruction card and return it promptly using the accompanying addressed envelope on or before July 19, 2002.

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Responsible for the execution of company objectives, achievement of sales and profitability targets, while ensuring the highest level of operational efficiency. Must have minimum 2 years retail experience, at least 26 years old with good interpersonal, organizational and planning skills. Analytical, customer-oriented and can relate well with all levels in an organization.

HR OFFICERS

Main responsibility is to assist the HR Manager in ensuring the effective performance of Human Resource functions in the areas of Recruitment and Selection, Employee Relations and Benefits Administration. Those with 1-2 years relevant experience in HRMD are preferred.

SECTION HEADS

Responsible for inventory and stock management, scheduling, sales forecasting and visual merchandising. Will be tasked to motivate and maintain an effective and productive team and must be willing to work a schedule of rotating shifts and weekends. Customer-oriented with excellent leadership, interpersonal and communication skills. Those with 1-2 years experience in a retail establishment are preferred.

Fresh graduates of a business or any related course are welcome to apply as **MANAGER TRAINEES.**

STORE LOGISTICS OFFICERS

Main responsibility is to ensure the efficient and consistent flow of inventory while supervising a team of warehousing and receiving personnel. At least 26 years old with minimum 3 years experience in stock control, warehousing and receiving, preferably gained in a consumer retail environment. Must have a sense of ownership, a keen eye on product quality and must also be security conscious.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF

The ideal candidate must have knowledge in troubleshooting of different brands of PC, workstation, servers, printers and also Local Area Network. Must also be proficient in Windows NT/ 2000 server. Exposure in any platform of POS retail applications is an advantage.

STORE VISUAL ARTISTS

Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Architecture/Interior Design or Fine Arts, at least 23 years old. Knowledge in CorelDRAW 9.0 and AUTOCADD 2000 is preferred. Creative, organized and results-oriented.

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Interested Applicants may e-mail their Resume and application letter to
HRMD@bigr.com.ph
or
Handcarry their Resume with Application Letter and 2x2 colored picture only on the following dates:

July 24, 2002 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
July 27, 2002 from 10:00 am –5:00 pm
at
Pearlmont Inn
Limketkai Drive, Cagayan de Oro City

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PROGRAMME SUPPORT OFFICER

Functions:
- To work closely with and support the East Asia Program Manager in fulfilling the needs for information about partners and programs in the Philippines and Cambodia and in inputting this information into Christian Aid's database.
- To analyze, evaluate and help develop partnerships based on written proposals, reports and accounts in line with Christian Aid's Appraisal, Monitoring and Review System, in consultation with the EAPM.
- To assist in day-to-day management and design of evaluations and capacity-building initiatives by consultants.

Location: Quezon City

Qualifications:
- Degree holder in one of the social sciences from a reputable university.
- Knowledge of social, economic and political situation of the region, development and emergency work, and of the churches and ecumenism, and their role in development work an advantage
- Computer literate in Microsoft Office—Word, Excel, Outlook Express, able to handle a simple database program and to use the internet.
- Absolute fluency in the English language, both orally and in writing. Fluent in spoken and written Pilipino. Ability to speak and write Cebuano an advantage
- The post may demand some travel alone or with other staff.

Experience:
At least five years experience in development work, with experience of dealing with INGOs, and preferably with bilateral and multilateral donors.

Qualities:
Self-motivated, can initiate and plan work programmatically; represent Christian Aid in a professional, discreet and sensitive manner in both written and verbal communication, and able to work under pressure and prioritize effectively in a context of competing demands whilst maintaining a sense of humor; capable of working both independently and as a member of a team

Terms:
28,500 Pesos per month plus statutory benefits and leave entitlement.

Application:
Full written CV with covering letter stating motivation for this employment. Contact details for THREE references (not blood relatives) to be taken up BEFORE interview.

Submission in writing only, by July 19, 5:00 p.m., marked PRIVATE to Christian Aid, 4th Floor, Puno Building, #47 Kalayaan Avenue, Quezon City. Applications may be left with the guard.

Late applications will not be entertained. Interviews approximately 7 days later. Proposed start date: August 1, 2002. Due to staff constraints CA regrets that it will only be able to contact applicants who are successful in reaching interview.

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- Female not more than 28 years old with pleasing personality
- Graduate of any course (graduates of business related course would have a definite advantage.)

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- **Civil Engineer**

Qualifications:
- Male or Female
- Not more than 30 years old
- Licensed
- With wide experience in designing industrial commercial building
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- Willing to travel or be assigned in the province

Letter of application must be addressed to the VP for Operations. Resumés may be submitted at:

3203A East Tower Tektite Building,
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
personally, by speed mail, or by fax (638-9959).

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BSA/BSC major in Accounting graduate, computer literate (Windows/Excel), not more than 30 years old, preferably with experience in a construction firm

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Male, not more than 30 years old, at least 2nd year college, with professional driver's license (restriction code 2 and 3), hardworking, presentable and with at least 5 years driving experience. Familiarity with Metro Manila and provincial routes an advantage.

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Tel. # 851-0934 to 36

CONVENIENCE STORE SUPERVISOR

- Male/Female, at least 21-30 years old
- Preferably graduate of any 4-year business course
- With at least 2 years supervisory work experience in retailing
- Knowledgeable in Accounts Payable and Inventory
- Must possess good verbal communication skills and leadership ability

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MAY CALL
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- ☐ must have exposure to Clean room environment, preferably class 1,000 or higher;
- ☐ exposure to large or medium-sized industrial plant, electronic facility or biotech environment a must;
- ☐ must read, write and speak Mandarin.

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- ☐ exposure to industrial, electronic or biotech environment preferred;
- ☐ with at least fifteen (15) years experience;
- ☐ must read, write and speak Mandarin.

SENIOR CONTROLS ENGINEER

- ☐ the candidate should possess a minimum of five (5) years experience in the field of industrial design and construction, utilizing programmable logic controllers;
- ☐ must be experienced in the development of control logic diagrams in relation to P & I diagrams;
- ☐ experience in Building Management Systems design, fire alarm, security systems an advantage;
- ☐ clean room environment experience, a plus;
- ☐ must read, write and speak Mandarin.

Please send your application letter, resumé, outlining your job description, 2x2 picture, transcript of records and work certificates to:

The HRD-Admin. Manager
2/F Marina Mall, M.L. Quezon Avenue,
Lapulapu City, Cebu 6015
Tel. No. (032) 340-9000; Fax No. (032) 340-4000
E-mail: janet-casinillo@cst-asia.com

- *Applicants who are able to write, speak and read Mandarin have an advantage.*
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With pleasing personality, superior human relationship, strong leadership attributes
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Minimum of 2 years experience in a similar position in the same or related industry
Background in desktop publishing/journalism, advertising and photography would be an edge
Knowledge of Environmental Management Systems/ISO 14001 preferred

EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER

Male/Female, not over 40 years old, College graduate
With pleasing personality, customer/people oriented
Proficient in both written and spoken English
With at least 5 years experience in a 5-Star Hotel in managerial capacity
Knowledge of Environmental Management/ISO 14001 preferred

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE STAFF

Male/Female, between 20 to 27 years old, College level
With pleasing personality, customer- focused/people oriented
With effective communication skills in English
Computer literate/Fidelio knowledge is an advantage
Height: Male - at least 5'7" Female - at least 5'3"
Knowledge of Environmental Management Systems/ISO 14001 preferred

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Male/Female, between 25 to 35 years old, College graduate
Preferably finished B.S. Secretarial Science, computer literate
Proficient in both written and spoken English, customer-focused
Willing to work long hours, with at least 2 years secretarial experience
Knowledge of Environmental Management Systems/ISO 14001 preferred

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Male/Female, between 20 to 27 years old, graduate of any four-year course
With pleasing personality, customer-focused/people oriented
With effective communication skills in English
Computer literate/Fidelio knowledge is an advantage
Height: Male - at least 5'7" Female - at least 5'3"
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COMMUNICATIONS ARTIST

Male/Female, not over 35 years old, Fine Arts or Architecture graduate
With pleasing personality, excellent background in computer graphics
Has strong background in arts, highly technical and creative
Knowledge of Environmental Management Systems/ISO 14001 preferred

Please apply in writing, enclosing a comprehensive resumé, work references, and recent photograph addressed to:

The Director of Human Resources
Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort
P.O. Box 86, Lapu-lapu City 6015
Tel. No. (63-32) 231-0288 Fax. No. (63-32) 231-5082

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CEBU, PHILIPPINES

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER
Baguio City 2600
Philippines

INVITATION TO BID

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center invites all DOH-Manila accredited suppliers for Drugs and Medicines, Hospital Medical, Dental, Surgical, Laboratory, X-ray reagents and supplies to bid for the same at the Cobalt Building, BGHMC Auditorium, Baguio City.

All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on **July 30, 2002**, Tuesday, 2:00 PM at the same venue for any clarifications. Opening of the Bids is scheduled on **August 7, 2002**, Wednesday, at exactly 2:00 PM at the same venue.

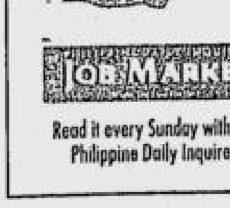
Instruction to Bidders (BAC FORM A) and Official Bid Tender Form (BAC FORM B) can be availed of at the office of the Chief, Medical Professional Staff c/o Mrs. Ma. Teresa C. Fajardo, after payment in cash of P300.00 at the Cashier's Office at the main hospital building, from July 23 to July 30, 2002, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Deadline for submission of bids is on August 7, 2002, Wednesday, 12 noon.

The BAC shall award the contracts to suppliers with the lowest calculated and responsive bids. The BGHMC reserves the right to waive any minor deviations in the bid tender documents which do not affect the substance and validity of the bids and reserves the right to accept the bid most advantageous to the government.

Inquiries may be made with the BAC Secretariat, Mrs. Ma. Teresa C. Fajardo at 442-6230.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL V. FACTORA, M.D., MHA**
Medical Center Chief
BGHMC

(PDI--July 13, 14 & 15, 2002)



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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Quezon
MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

1. The Municipality of Guinayangan, Quezon has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development through the Local Government Finance and Development (LOGOFIND) Project for the Construction of Public Market and intends to engage the services of consultant to undertake the Detailed Engineering Design for the said project.
2. The Services include the following:
   Engineering Surveys (i.e. Topographical, Traffic, Soil investigation, etc.)
   Inception Reports
   Preliminary Drawings (i.e. Site Development Plans, Floor Plans, Elevations, Sections, Exterior Perspective, etc.)
   Architectural Plans (i.e. Location Plan, Site Development Plan, Exterior Perspective, Elevations, Sections, etc.)
   Engineering Documents/Drawings
   Tender Documents
   S-curve, Price Bill of Quantities of Materials, Manpower Utilization and Equipment
   Schedules, Unit Cost Analysis, Individual Program of works/Draft of Approved Agency
   Estimates
3. The Municipal Government of Guinayangan, Quezon now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (Qualification Statement Forms i.e. description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
4. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers* January 1997, revised September 1997 and January 1999.
5. Interested consultants may obtain further information from Background documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by no later than **August 15, 2002.**

Eng'r. RUSSELL C. NARTE
Office of the MPDC
Guinayangan, Quezon
Tel. No. (042) 303-4063

(Sgd.) **MANUEL M. BUTARDO**
Municipal Mayor

(PDI - July 14 & 22 2002)

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Graduate of Management Engineering, Business Management or other related courses with Finance and Marketing subjects • Ability to communicate in the local dialect a plus • Willing to do fieldwork • With valid driver's license • Related work experience an advantage • Preferably Male, 21 to 35 years of age

BUSINESS ANALYST

(Quezon City)

who will be responsible for

Collation of sales reports, analysis of numbers and preparation of recommendations to Management • Development of a demand forecasting model to determine efficient levels of sales stock requirements based on historical sales figures

Graduate of Management Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Statistics or other Business-related courses with above average scholastic records • Strong in Statistics, linear programming and operations research modeling • Fresh graduates are welcome to apply

CORPORATE SALES & EVENTS SPECIALIST

(Metro Manila)

who will be responsible for

Corporate negotiation and sales • Telemarketing • Special events and party group catering • Post event profitability analysis

Graduate of Management Engineering, Business Management or other related course with Finance and Marketing subjects • Work experience in similar field an advantage • Male or female, 25 to 35 years of age

TRAINING SPECIALISTS

(Metro Manila)

who will be responsible for

Conducting training needs analysis • Preparation of training manuals • Conducting group (classroom and hands-on) training on: (1) Franchise outlet management and supervision (2) Franchise crew training and supervision • Conducting Franchisee Retail Outlet Performance Review

Graduate of Management, Industrial Psychology, Marketing or other related course • Work experience in similar field an advantage • Male or female, 22 to 30 years of age

CONTRACTS & PARALEGAL SPECIALIST

(Metro Manila)

who will be responsible for

Administrative work on preparation, negotiation/signing and notarization of franchisee contracts • Maintenance of franchisee contract records, files and database • Process management for franchisee and site approval and checklisting clearances

Graduate of Legal Management or any related course • Work experience in similar field an advantage • Male or female, 22 to 35 years of age

Applicants for all of the above job openings **must** *be assertive, fluent in verbal and written English, outgoing and comfortable in dealing with other people, willing to do field work, very proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and in excellent health.*

Send your resume, 2x2 recent ID picture, transcript of records, a brief essay of at least 200 words describing yourself and an application letter stating why we should choose you over other applicants, to:

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-08A

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), NPC wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE		ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
		DATE OF BIDDING : AUGUST 13, 2002; 2:00 PM	
A1	1 LOT	JOB ORDER: LOADING, HAULING, UNLOADING, SPOTTING & COMMISSIONING OF 50MVA POWER TRANSFORMER, ITS ACCESSORIES FROM NPC-LIMAY, BATAAN TO NPC KALAYAAN S/S, KALAYAAN-LAGUNA	OPO-02-020
A2	1 LOT	JOB ORDER: SUPPLY OF LABOR, MATERIALS AND SUPERVISION ON SITE SEALING AND REPAIR OF 5MVA POWER TRANSFORMER OIL LEAK LOCATED AT LIPA S/S	A1-02-081
		DATE OF BIDDING: AUGUST 14, 2002; 2:00 PM	
B1	196 PCS	INSULATOR, SUSPENSION COMPOSITE SILICON RUBBER SHEETS FOR 230KV APPLICATION	3ATL-02-051
	296 PCS	INSULATOR, STRAIN COMPOSITE SILICON RUBBER SHEDS 230KV STRAIN APPLICATION	
B2	23 PCS	CLAMP STRAIN, ALUM. 4-UBOLT, COMPLETE WITH SOCKET EYE FITTING FOR 336.4MCM ACSR	3ALT02-030
	38 PCS	SHACKLE ANCHOR WITH CLAIM LINK, HOT DIPPED GALVANIZE	
	3 REELS'	WIRE OVERHEAD GROUND (OHGW) 3/8" DIA. OR 7/8" DIA., 10% ALUM. CLADDING W/ MAXIMUM STRENGTH NOT LESS THAN 1000 BS., 3000M/REEL	
	122 PCS	Y-CLEVIS & SOCKET COMBINATION, HOT DIPPED GALVANIZE	

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules on:

1) A1 - July 29, 2002; 10:00 AM - at SLRO Bidding Room
2) A2 - July 29, 2002; 11:00 AM - at SLRO Bidding Room
3) B1 - July 30, 2002; 10:00 AM - at SLRO Bidding Room
4) B2 - July 30, 2002; 11:00 AM - at SLRO Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **July 8, 2002**. No bid documents will be issued orf the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLRC Bidding Room, NPC-SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock P.M. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Initial Technical Proposals of eligibility bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of "Executive Order 262 and 40":

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) **R.D. RAMAS**
MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
TRANSCO SOUTH

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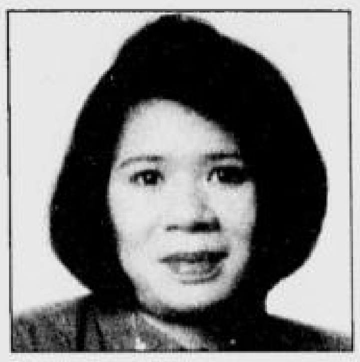

Notice is hereby given that **MA. FE BARTOLOME CUENCA**, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with Fortune Life Insurance Co., Inc. effective **May 9, 2002.**

Any transactions entered into by her in behalf of the Company after such date shall not be honored.

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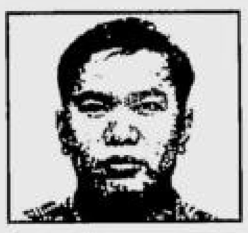

Notice is hereby given that **DR. JOEL B. ESTOLLOSO**, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with FORTUNE LIFE INSURANCE CO., INC. effective October 4, 2001.

Please be informed further that PROVISIONAL RECEIPTS (PRs) issued to him with Series Numbers 7071 to 7080 are hereby declared null and void effective October 4, 2001.

Any transactions entered into by him for and in behalf of the Company after such date shall not be honored.

FORTUNE LIFE INSURANCE CO., INC.

(PDI--July 14, 2002)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Commission on Audit (COA) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites interested contractors with a Principal Classification of General Building Category "AAA" and inter-agency categorization of Large "B", to apply for eligibility and to bid for the:

Name of Project:	Proposed Construction of COA Training and Development Center
Location of Project:	COA Compound, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City
Brief Project Description:	The Project is approximately 5,040 square meters. It is a general construction that involves demolition, earthworks, masonry, concrete, electrical, mechanical, and sanitary works, architectural finishes, retrofitting of all columns, provision of elevator and dumbwaiter, and provision of roadway with an approximate length of 120 linear meters.
Approved Budget:	PhP 52,000,000.00
Contract Duration:	210 calendar days

The criteria/procedures in the eligibility screening of prospective bidders, evaluation of bids, and postqualification are contained in the Project Information and Instructions to Applicants for Eligibility Screening (PIIAES). Interested contractors may obtain a copy of the PIIAES from **July 16-26, 2002**, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, from the BAC Secretariat located at the Second Floor, Executive Offices, COA Main Building, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP 350.00.

Deadline for submission of the letter of intent is **July 26, 2002**. Deadline for submission of accomplished Eligibility/Qualification Statements (in a sealed envelope duly marked as such) is at two o'clock in the afternoon of **August 2, 2002.**

Bidding documents will be available only to eligible bidders from **August 14-30, 2002**, from the BAC Secretariat, upon payment of the non-refundable amount indicated in the Notice of Eligibility which the BAC will send through fax to eligible bidders.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **September 4, 2002**, at 9:00 AM, at the COA Multi-purpose Building, COA Compound, Quezon City.

Bids in the prescribed form including its annexes shall be submitted in two (2) sealed envelopes with the name of the contract to be bid, the name of the bidder in capital letters, and the address of the BAC. Submission of bids shall be from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NN of **September 19, 2002**. Bids shall be opened on **September 19, 2002**, at 1:30 PM, at the COA Multi-Purpose Building.

The project/contract will be governed by provisions of P.D. No. 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as amended on **August 12, 2000**, as further amended by Executive Order No. 40 dated **October 8, 2001**, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

The COA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formality in the bids received, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government.

The COA assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss incurred in the preparation and submission of the eligibility statements and bid and does not guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ARISTIDES M. ACHACOSO**
Assistant Commissioner
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – July 14, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue
Pasig City

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB Number : SEMP-2001-01 DskChrs
Project Title : Social Expenditure Management Project (SEMP)
Contract Title : Supply and Delivery of School Furniture To Public Elementary School

July 12, 2001
Loan No. 4535-PH

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has entered into Loan Agreement 4535 with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies for the financing of the Social Expenditure Management Project (SEMP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the following contracts for supply and delivery of school furniture to public elementary and secondary school in the country.

   List of contracts/package (Quantity)

Location	Elementary School Furniture		Secondary School Furniture	
Region I	Lot 1	(7,877)	Lot 2	(4,866)
Region II	Lot 3	(4,829)	Lot 4	(3,988)
Region III	Lot 5	(4,320)	Lot 6	(1,009)
Region IV	Lot 7	(22,649)	Lot 8	(2,081)
Region V	Lot 9	(5,879)	Lot 10	(9,081)
Region VI	Lot 11	(11,064)	Lot 12	(10,125)
Region VII	Lot 13	(6,648)	Lot 14	(14,424)
Region VIII	Lot 15	(8,151)	Lot 16	(3,638)
Region IX	Lot 17	(4,266)	Lot 18	(7,280)
Region X	Lot 19	(4,921)	Lot 20	(4,508)
Region XI	Lot 21	(9,058)	Lot 22	(9,123)
Region XII	Lot 23	(6,614)	Lot 24	(3,967)
CARAGA	Lot 25	(4,426)	Lot 26	(4,533)
NCR	Lot 27	(13,136)	Lot 28	(9,141)

   The evaluation will be done for each lot separately and award will be made per lot. A bidder must bid for the total quantity required in a lot in order to be considered for evaluation.

2. The Department of Education through the DepEd BAC (Bids and Awards Committee) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of school furniture to public elementary and secondary schools.
3. For the purpose of this bid, eligible bidders shall be those who have experience in the supply or selling and distribution or delivery of school furniture.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), G/F Rizal Building II, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, with Telephone No.: 636-6542 or visit www.deped.gov.ph.
5. Interested bidders on completion of an application form may purchase a complete set of bidding documents from BAC and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00). The bidding documents will be made available at the BAC starting **July 19, 2002**.
6. The provisions in the Instruction to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank *Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.*
7. Sealed bids, together with the bid security of not less than two and one half percent (2.5%) of the total bid amount must be delivered to Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building, DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City on or before 10:00 A.M., **September 3, 2002.**
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 A.M. on **September 3, 2002** at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
9. Prior to Bid Opening, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the address stated in paragraph 8 at 10:00 A.M. on **August 20, 2002.**
10. The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein and award the lots to one or more bidder(s).

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO S. PANGAN**
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

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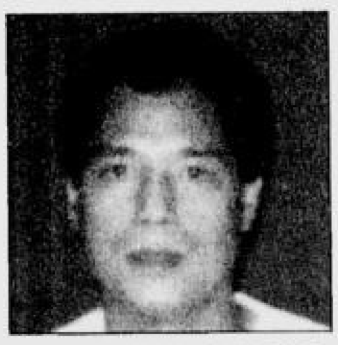

ERNESTO M. GUSTILO

This is to inform the public that MR. ERNESTO M. GUSTILO whose photograph appears above, and with last known address at Block 3 Lot 67, Pag-Asa Subdivision, GMA, Carmona, Cavite, is no longer connected with SEACHAMP INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CORPORATION, effective **04 May 2002.**

Any transaction entered with the above-named person shall not be honored by the company subsequent to the aforementioned date of termination.

A criminal complaint against Mr. Ernesto M. Gustilo for the crime of Estafa was filed in the City Prosecution Office - Pasay City on **21 June 2002.**

Any information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Ernesto M. Gustilo may be forwarded to Seachamp International Export Corporation, Building 2, Skydragon Compound, Domestic Road, Pasay City, telephone numbers 833-1614 or 831-6331.

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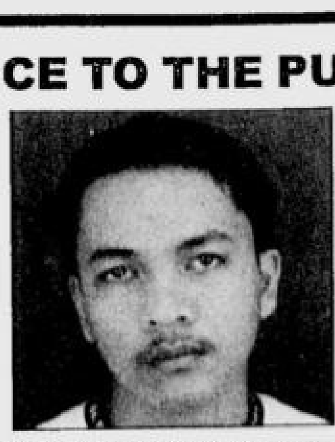

RUJOHN B. BARRIENTOS

This is to inform the public that MR. RUJOHN B. BARRIENTOS whose photograph appears above, and with last known address at No. 269, E. Malaya Street, Balut, Tondo, City of Manila is no longer connected with SEACHAMP INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CORPORATION, effective **13 May 2002.**

Any transaction entered with the above-named person shall not be honored by the company subsequent to the aforementioned date of termination.

A criminal complaint against Mr. Rujohn B. Barrientos for the crime of Estafa was filed in the City Prosecution Office - Pasay City on **21 June 2002.**

Any information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Rujohn B. Barrientos may be forwarded to Seachamp International Export Corporation, Building 2, Skydragon Compound, Domestic Road, Pasay City, telephone numbers 833-1614 or 831-6331

(PDI – July 14, 2002)

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE RAPE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION ACT

Pursuant to Section 8 RA No. 8505, An Act Providing Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, Establishing for the Purpose, A Rape Crisis Center in every province and city, the following rules and regulations are hereby issued:

RULE 1

POLICY AND APPLICATION

Section 1. ***PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES.*** These rules and regulations seek to implement the declared policy of the State to provide necessary assistance and protection for rape survivors by the establishment and operation of a rape crisis center in every province and city that shall protect and assist rape survivors in the litigation of their cases and in their recovery.

For this purpose, the government shall coordinate its various agencies and collaborate with non-government organizations to work hand in hand for the establishment and operation of such centers.

Section 2. ***MANDATE AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.*** The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government Unit (DILG), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and a lead non-government organization (NGO with proven track record or experience in handling sexual abuse cases, shall establish in every province and city a rape crisis center located in any suitable place, or in a government hospital or health clinic.

The DSWD shall be the lead agency in the establishment and operation of a rape crisis center;

Section 3. ***DEFINITION OF TERMS.***

a. Rape shall be defined pursuant to Article 266-A of the Revised Penal Code, **as amended** by RA 8353, as a crime against persons committed **as follows:**

1. by a man who shall have carnal knowledge of a woman under any of the following circumstances:

   i. through force, threat, or intimidation;

   ii. when the offended party is deprived of reason or otherwise unconscious;

   iii. by means of fraudulent machination or grave abuse of authority; and

   iv. when the offended party is under twelve (12) years of age or is demented, even though none of the circumstances mentioned above be present.

2. by any person who, under any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof, shall commit an act of sexual assault by inserting his penis into another person's mouth or anal orifice, or any instrument or object, into genital or anal orifice of another person.

b. Rape Victim shall refer to the offended party, male or female, minor or adult who has been a victim of rape as defined above. Rape victim shall also be known as rape survivor.

c. Rape Crisis Center shall refer to a facility where a comprehensive network of services and support activities are available in a particular province or city to victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse, their family and the community, in general, including programs for sexual assault awareness and prevention. The Rape Crisis Center will **be established in areas where there are high incidence of rape cases.** It may be located in any suitable place or government hospital or health clinic and will be established by creating or upgrading existing facilities or by establishing or building upon existing networks providing support and assistance to victims of rape (and other forms of sexual abuse). The center may be known by some other name to prevent stigmatization of the survivor.

d. Police Officer shall refer to any law enforcement agent of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) or other law enforcement agencies.

RULE 2

ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF RAPE CRISIS CENTERS

Section 4. ***FUNCTIONS OF A RAPE CRISIS CENTER.*** A rape crisis center shall have the following functions:

a. provide victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse with psychological counseling, medical and health services, including their medico-legal examination;

b. secure free legal assistance or service, when necessary, for victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse;

c. assist victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse in evidence gathering and in the investigation to hasten the arrest of offenders and filing of cases in court;

d. ensure the privacy and safety of victims of rape;

e. provide psychological counselling and medical services whenever necessary for the family of victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse;

f. adopt and implement programs that are survivor-sensitive for the recovery of victims of rape and other forms of sexual abuse;

g. assist the government in raising public awareness on rape and other forms of sexual abuse and encourage volunteerism and the participation of the various sectors of the country for increased individual and community safety awareness;

h. develop a referral system that would be made available based on need of the survivors, such as temporary shelter, education and skills training.

Section 5. ***COMPOSITION OF STAFF AT RAPE CRISIS CENTER.*** As a network of services, the rape crisis center shall be comprised of the following who will form the core staff of the network who shall be on call and shall act jointly in providing full support and assistance to rape survivors at any time and in every step of the process, namely:

a. social workers or crisis workers who shall respond to the counseling and psycho-social needs of survivors, among others, who may be drawn from the DSWD, LGUs or from any participating NGO;

b. physicians who shall conduct medico-legal examinations and provide treatment to injuries and diseases related to the rape;

c. psychologist or psychiatrists who shall provide psychological counseling and psychiatric services, whenever necessary, to the victims;

d. police officers who shall conduct the investigation, ensure the gathering of evidence material to the case, ensure the speedy arrest of offenders and the filing of cases in court as well as provide security to victims, witnesses, counselors and social workers, where the circumstances of threat merit such police security. The barangay wherein the threatened victim, witnesses, counselors and social workers reside may also assist in providing such security;

e. prosecutors or lawyers who shall facilitate the litigation of the rape cases that are filed;

f. NGO representatives who shall, among others, conduct awareness raising and advocacy activities.

Section 6. ***DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANDATED AGENCIES AND NGO PARTNERS.*** The mandated agencies such as DSWD, DOJ, DOH, DILG and NGO lead agency shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

→ **Department of Social Welfare and Development**

- ☐ Provide support services to rape victims and their families such as residential service (e.g. Haven for Women, Substitute Home Care for Women and Group Home for Girls) and community-based service.
- ☐ Establish linkage with the academe and all NGOs for the necessary support services to rape victims / survivors and their families.
- ☐ Conduct training to Social Workers **and other service providers** for the effective operation and management of the Rape Crisis Centers.
- ☐ Conduct of training for counselors on basic approaches in dealing with victims of rape
- ☐ Provide technical assistance to local government units for the operation and maintenance of Rape Crisis Center
- ☐ Develop programs that facilitate the recovery of rape survivors and other support interventions.

→ **Department of Health (DOH)**

- ☐ Provide a space at the Regional Hospitals for the Rape Crisis Centers.
- ☐ Provide immediate medical assistance to victims of rape.
- ☐ Develop and adopt uniform medical examination procedures including the accomplishment of forms/report, such as the conduct of physical examination within 48 hours.
- ☐ Conduct training to examining physicians and other health workers on gender sensitivity core messages in the training of medical and health professionals.
- ☐ Ensure both the validity and confidentiality of the medical records required in cases of litigation.

→ **Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)**

- ☐ Establish Women's Desk in every precinct throughout the country authorized among others to conduct investigation of rape cases through the Philippine National Police (PNP)
- ☐ Conduct training to law enforcement officers and barangay officials on human rights, gender sensitivity and legal management of rape cases in coordination with appropriate offices/agencies.
- ☐ Provide support to LGUs to assist victim of rape and to ensure the sustainability of such services.
- ☐ Issue a memorandum order to LGUs to support the establishment of rape crisis center in every province/city.

→ **Department of Justice (DOJ)**

- ☐ Ensure speedy disposition of rape cases.
- ☐ Ensure the efficiency of legal services supporting the free legal assistance to victims of rape.
- ☐ Conduct training of prosecutors and other officers at the justice system.

→ **Lead Non-Government Agency**

- ☐ Conduct public information / dissemination.
- ☐ Assist in the development and implementation of training programs for law enforcers, prosecutors, social workers, physicians and other health workers, barangay officials etc
- ☐ Advocate for community-based programs supporting for victims of rape and their families.
- ☐ Advocate for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and children.

RULE 3

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICER, EXAMINING PHYSICIAN, PROSECUTOR AND SOCIAL WORKER OR CRISIS WORKERS

Section 7. *COMMON DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICER, EXAMINING PHYSICIAN, PROSECUTOR SOCIAL WORKERS OR CRISIS WORKERS;*

a. respect the rights and dignity of the survivors as a person;

b. arrange for psychological counseling of rape victims and survivors by a trained and qualified counselor;

c. arrange for the medical examination of the offended party by a trained and qualified physician and further medical services;

d. refer the case to the Women's and Children's Desk of a precinct or agency;

e. refer the survivor for legal services if he or she decides to file a case;

f. inform the survivor of the range of his or her options;

g. ensure the information regarding the survivor and his/her circumstances are kept confidential; and

h. undergo training and other capacity development programs on, but not limited to, the following trainings on gender sensitivity, gender sensitive counseling, human rights and women and children rights and legal management of rape cases.

Section 8. *SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICER.*

a. Immediately refer the case to Women's and Children's Desk of the precinct, or any other concerned agency such as **Local DSWD, DOJ, and NGO handling the cases;**

b. Immediately refer the case to a prosecutor for inquest, if the accused is detained or form preliminary investigation, if the accused is at large;

c. provide security to the survivors of rape, witnesses and service providers; and

d. ensure that the evidence gathered on the case are safeguarded.

Section 9. *SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROSECUTOR.*

a. A prosecutor who is preferably of the same sex as the victim or to a gender sensitive prosecutor if the former is not present or available, shall conduct the inquest or preliminary investigation.

- informing the rape survivor of his or her rights and what to expect in the legal process;
- filing of the information against the offender including the discharge of a suspected offender to become a state witness;
- informing the rape survivor of the detention status of the accused pending trial, i.e., the rape survivor shall be informed beforehand of the release of the accused;
- scheduling of each court proceeding that the rape survivor is required to attend; and
- accepting a plea of guilt by the accused or the promulgation of judgment in the rape case.

b. prevent during trial, the admission of evidence of the victim's past sexual conduct, opinion thereof, or reputation;

c. ensure that the inquest or preliminary investigation and trial shall be conducted in a language or dialect that is known or familiar to the victim;

d. exert utmost efforts to prevent delay in the preliminary investigation and trial of the rape case; and

e. not to divulge to the public the name, address and any other information or circumstances tending to establish the identity of the victim. Moreover, the public shall be barred during the conduct of the inquest or preliminary investigation if it will serve the best interest of the victim.

Section 10. *SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN.*

a. Before Examination:

- ensure that the medico-legal examination shall be conducted by a woman, or if unavailable, in the presence of a duly authorized woman;
- ensure that only the person(s) expressly authorized by the rape survivor are allowed inside the examination room.

b. During Examination:

- conduct a speedy and thorough examination of the survivor so that humiliation as a result of repetitious procedures may be minimized; and
- treat the victim with gentleness and utmost respect.

c. After Examination:

- prepare an official Medico-Legal Report based on the findings of the examination ensuring that it is duly endorsed by the Chief and the Director of the Medico-Legal Division **or duly authorize representative** with his corresponding case number. The Medico-Legal Report is prepared within two or three days unless other requirements are requested like x-ray, pregnancy test, ultrasound and others which would take a longer period of medical analysis; and
- prepare and issue an initial report if there is an immediate need for the Medico-Legal Report, e.g. the suspect is detained.

d. Post Examination Assistance

- refer all cases of rape to the rape crisis center or other government organization concerned, or to the hospital of choice for medical attention and counseling **if not yet referred**; and
- appear and testify in court as an expert witness on the csae.

Section 11. *SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOCIAL WORKER OR CRISIS WORKER:*

a. assess the cases of rape survivors received in the center;

b. define the problems to be worked on and set an agreement with the survivors consistent with the functions of the rape crisis centers;

c. formulate treatment plans with the rape survivors **including their families** consistent with the functions of the rape crisis centers;

d. organize and direct the interdisciplinary team in the center towards a holistic approach for the healing, recovery and re-integration of the rape survivors;

e. conduct stress management and other appropriate interventions to the rape survivors towards resolving trauma brought about by the experience;

f. network with the five pillars of the justice system to link the survivors to appropriate resources in response to identified needs;

g. evaluate the progress of the rape survivors according to the treatment plan formulated

h. terminate the helping relationship after attainment of the treatment plans; and

i. ensure social reintegration of rape survivors in their family and community.

RULE 4

ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECOVERY OF RAPE SURVIVORS

Section 12. *HEALING RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION OF RAPE SURVIVORS.*

a. a healing recovery, and reintegration program for rape survivors shall be adopted and consistently implemented by all rape crisis centers. Underlying said program should be the following:

- that rape is a stress **causing circumstance** that tests the capacity of the individual, and therefore, rape survivors should be provided full support and understanding. It shall be a policy that the credibility and character of the survivor shall not be questioned as the victim should never be blamed for the rape that occurred;
- that the therapeutic **applications** should focus on helping the survivor's return to her or his previous level of adaptation. The primary goal of investigations therefore facilitate the survivor's reintegration.
- that the therapeutic **applications** should increase the survivor's capacity to adopt and maintain control since rape produces helplessness, feelings of vulnerability, fear, deception and humiliation
- that confidentiality should be maintained by the service providers, should assure the survivors that they can withhold information and feelings about their abuse from significant persons in their lives for this may disrupt relationships;
- that the service providers should sensitize the family and friends of rape survivors to the meaning of rape so they can support the survivor; and
- that counseling for the immediate family members of the survivors is necessary to avoid criticizing or blaming the survivor.

b. upon the assessment of a duly authorized psychologist or psychiatrist, psychotherapy shall be provided to the victim; and

c. rape survivors should be informed of the range of their options, the advantages and disadvantages of each one of their options, the challenges and all the possible consequences of their options so that they could make sound decisions.

Section 13. *REHABILITATION OF PERPETRATORS.* A referral system shall be established for services to the perpetrators to prevent occurrence of incidence of rape.

RULE 5

CONFIDENTIALITY AND THE PRIVACY OF RAPE SURVIVORS

Section [illegible] *CONFIDENTIALITY OF RAPE CASES*

a. only persons expressly authorized by the offended party shall be allowed inside the room where the investigation, medical or physical examination is being conducted. Appropriate protocols shall be developed and observed at any stage of the investigation, prosecution and trial of rape cases;

b. the police officer, prosecutor and the court shall ensure fair and impartial proceedings, and in consideration of the best interest of both parties, shall order closed door investigation, prosecution or trial;

c. all hearings in rape cases shall be made confidential and shall not be open to the public unless ordered by the court. All records, books and papers relating to the case in the files of the court, of the mandated agencies and of any other agency or institution participating in the rape case proceedings shall be kept strictly confidential, and

d. service providers or other personnel involved in the handling of rape cases who have been found guilty of violating any provision of RA 8505 and its IRR shall be subject to administrative and/or criminal liability

Section 15. *RIGHT TO PRIVACY.*

a. at any stage of the investigation, prosecution and trial of a complaint for rape, the police officer, prosecutor and the court and its officers, shall recognize the right to privacy of the offended party and the accused as guaranteed by the Constitution;

b. the name or personal circumstance of the offended party and the accused or any information which would tend to establish the identity of the rape victim shall not be disclosed to the public, and

c. media reporting of rape cases shall be limited to the basic facts of the case and devoid of sensationalism. The name and address of the survivor and other information tending to establish her or his identity shall not be included in the report unless the survivor gives his or her consent in writing. Any violation of this provision shall render the reporter or columnist as well as the editor and publisher, in the case of printed material, or the newscaster or reporter, or director and producer, in the case of television and radio broadcast, solidarily liable for damages.

RULE 6

BUDGET AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 16 *BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.*

a. Each of the mandated agencies shall be provided with a budget for the implementation and operation of the rape crisis centers, which shall be included in the budgetary allocations for the agencies concerned in the annual General Appropriations Act.

b. for the first year of implementation, any of the following may be considered for priority funding:

- advocacy and public information on RA 8505 and related laws e.g. RA 8353, PNP Law, speedy Trial Law;
- orientation among concerned government officials including local government executives on RA 8505 and its program requirements;
- gender sensitivity and other related training on violence against women and children to have a common framework in addressing violence against women and children;
- training for service providers to acquire necessary skills to handle rape cases; and
- assessment and improvement of existing service facilities and resources and determining the requirements for upgrading them into Rape Crisis Centers.

c. succeeding appropriations shall be based on the specific duties and responsibilities, goals and targets of mandated agencies for the operation and maintenance of rape crisis centers. Priority of funding requirements shall be based on sustainability, incidence of cases, **and existence of centers.** Such shall also be included in the agency budget allocations to be covered by the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

d. consistent with existing government regulations, funds support to partner non-government organizations shall be provided for the operation and maintenance of Rape Crisis Center

Section 17. *EFFECTIVITY.* These rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

Done in Quezon City this ________ day of ______________ 2002.

Republic of the Philippines
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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Resolution No. 1 (Series of 2002)

Approving the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 8505, Providing Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, Establishing for the Purpose, A Rape Crisis Center in Every Province and City

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution values the dignity of the human being and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, RA 8353 has been enacted to expand the definition of the crime of rape as a crime against persons, amending for the purpose RA 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code;

WHEREAS, RA 8505 has been enacted to establish and operate a rape crisis center in every province and city that shall protect and assist rape survivors in the litigation of their cases and in their recovery;

WHEREAS, the government shall coordinate its various agencies and collaborate with non-government organizations (NGOs) to work hand in hand for the establishment and operation of such centers;

WHEREAS, the draft IRR on RA 8505 was formulated by a Committee headed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and participated in by the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), Philippine National Police (PNP), Women's Legal Bureau, Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women, Women Crisis Center and the Kalakasan Foundation Incorporated;

WHEREAS, the comments of the members of the Social Development Committee were already considered in the attached draft IRR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Chairman and the members of the NEDA Board's Social Development Committee (SDC)-Cabinet Level, to approve and adopt the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 8505.

Approved this 7th day of February 2002 at NEDA sa Pasig, Pasig City.

Hon. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment Chairman, Social Development Committee-Cabinet Level/ Cabinet Cluster C	**Hon. Dante B. Canlas** Secretary for Socio-Economic Planning Co-Chair, Social Development Committee- Cabinet Level/Cabinet Cluster C
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OFW makes fellow Filipino workers' dreams come true

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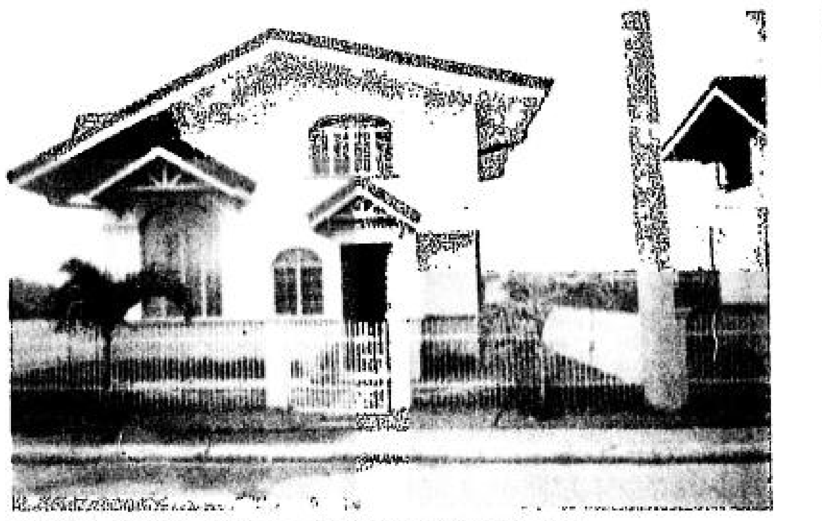

T[illegible]AVE Model house of SP Summit Trading S.L.

By Michelle V. Remo

OVERSEAS Filipino workers, who have to leave their loved ones behind, wager on the belief that a reward awaits their sacrifice—a good life for their families.

And a good life is usually characterized by providing the family with a house and a stable source of income.

The dream of a good life sustains them as they immerse in a different culture and work for strangers.

But earning enough money to afford a house or to put up a business is never easy for anyone. OFWs send their hard-earned money to their families, hoping there will be enough left for savings to buy a house and put up a business later.

But most of the time, the money they send is just enough for survival.

Valeriano "Butch" Perez, an OFW based in Spain, understands this common problem among Filipino workers abroad.

To help his fellow Filipinos, and to earn money at the same time, Butch worked on the suggestion of a friend to put up a lending company for OFWs in Spain. Hence, the birth of SP Sabado International S.A.

SP Sabado acts as a guarantor for OFWs who want to borrow from banks in Spain to buy a house or a vehicle.

But to make sure that the borrowed money is really spent on buying a house or a vehicle for the families in the Philippines, the borrowers do not get to hold the cash. SP Sabado purchases the houses or vehicles in their stead.

Butch explains that a borrower has a P1.2-million credit limit that is payable within five years at an interest rate of 8 to 9 percent a year.

SP Sabado has constructed houses in different locations in the Philippines like Bicol, Ilocos Norte, Laguna, Pangasinan and Isabela.

Butch says that a Filipino worker in Spain who wants to borrow just has to show proof of employment and a residence card. The Filipino workers should have stayed in Spain for at least a year to qualify for a loan.

Like most undertaking, SP Sabado had its share of hardships. It took Butch a while to establish relationships with banks in Spain and convince them to lend money.

But his unrelenting efforts to woo as many banks as he could made his

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Japanese struggle to get a handle on English

TOKYO—Magazine titles such as "Hot Dog" and "Classy" and television commercials that screech "Love beer?" can give the impression that English is almost a second language in Japan.

But, as visitors soon discover, the love affair with the language is only surface deep.

Even though the majority of Japanese spend at least six years studying English at school, most are unable to speak it.

That, educational experts say, is because the state school system teaches the language as an intellectual exercise, focusing on multiple choice grammar questions, rather than communication.

And they fear the lack of English ability will leave Japan isolated, as the rest of Asia becomes increasingly cosmopolitan.

"In other Asian countries, the government is really backing English education, so that they will be international and be able to function in world affairs," said American-born Ritsuko Nakata, a successful trainer of English teachers.

Young employees are only too aware of the disadvantage they face, often digging into their own pockets for private tuition in English, which they feel will bolster their employment prospects.

"English helps your career if you can speak it like a native, but what you learn at school won't help you much," said trading company worker, Naoki Arima, 29, who has been attending preparatory classes for an MBA in the United States.

Bottom of the class

Results in the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination, a requirement for entry to American universities, seem to back up Arima's lack of faith in the school system.

Despite its status as Asia's largest economy, Japan is near the bottom of the class among Asian nations, well behind China and South Korea. Recently it was even outclassed by Afghanistan and communist North Korea.

A closer look at the use of English in magazines, posters and notices is revealing. Mistakes in written English are so common that there are websites devoted to phenomena such as the airline offering "Non stop frights," or the helpful railway station sign that reads: "For restrooms go back toward your behind."

Japan's lack of success in teaching languages is a mystery, sometimes blamed on a culture that traditionally frowned on talkativeness, or on the lack of a perceived need for English.

"There are several problems. One is that most of the teachers of English at Japanese schools are not very competent," said Gregory Clark, emeritus president of Tama University in Tokyo.

University entrance tests, which require a high level of English reading skills but no oral communication, are also partly to blame, he said.

"Finally, and this should be a familiar problem to Anglo-Saxons, Japan is a monolingual society. There is little incentive to learn other languages," Clark said.

Too much success

Unlike many of its Asian neighbors, Japan has never been colonized and operated a rigid policy of national seclusion for more than 200 years until the middle of the 19th century.

European languages have therefore remained unfamiliar, while minority languages such as Ainu have been all but stamped out.

Japan's economic success is also blamed by some for the lack of drive in teaching languages in the state schools.

"The Japanese have just become too comfortable. Everything has been good for them after the war," said teacher trainer Nakata.

"They have enjoyed success in a lot of things, industry-wise. Now they don't realize that people are catching up and overtaking them," she said.

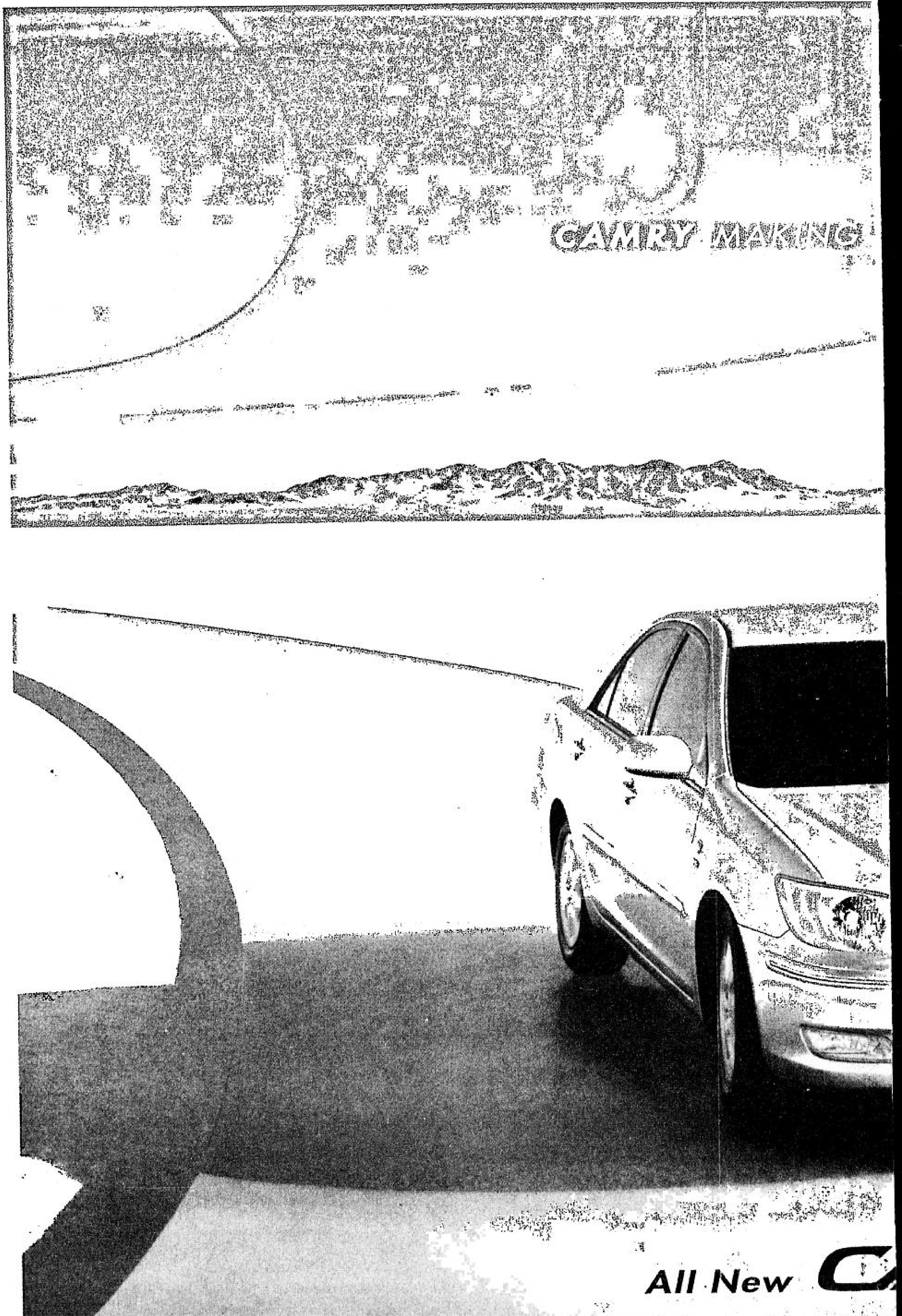
The Education Ministry says English teaching in Japan has come a long way since the days when most schoolteachers were unable to converse in their specialist language.

Reforms in schools are under way, with introductory English being offered for the first time at some primary schools, while middle school students are being taught to communicate in English rather than being drilled only in grammar, officials say.

But change is slow and hampered by bureaucracy, said Nakata.

"Monbusho (the Education Ministry) is taking the right steps, but they need to go faster and get advice from people in the field," she said.

Dissatisfaction with the public education system and increasing demand for business English have created a vast private tuition business in Japan.



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Vinegar maker's trade not a sour business at all

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LACAMENTO and his sugarcane pressing machine

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

By Ben Moses Ebreo
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGABAG, Nueva Vizcaya—"*Nangrugi idi* Agosto 1977. *Awan ti utang* (Started in August 1977. No credit)," reads the written statement on one of the trusses of a *kamalig* (stock house) in Barangay Pogonsino here.

It marks the start of 55-year-old farmer Romulo Lacamento's lucrative business of producing wine (*basi*) and vinegar made from sugarcane.

Despite cashing in on other agricultural ventures, Lacamento remained firm to his own small-scale business. Sans expensive promotion, his business soared with the help of his relatives and villagers who marketed his products.

He says his late father-in-law taught him the ropes in the production of natural vinegar and *basi*. He eventually inherited the business when his father-in-law died in the early 1970s.

Lacamento went into commercial production of sugarcane vinegar and wine when demand from fellow villagers increased in 1977.

Hard work

He is proud to say that his hard work helped him provide for his family and send his three children to school.

He does not regret his decision to stick with his single sugarcane crop, when his workers were urging him to concentrate on either corn or rice farming instead, which can yield at least two harvests in a year.

"This is what my father-in law told me, not to stop the business because this is a good source of income," Lacamento says. "That's my father-in-law's request—that I will not stop pressing sugarcane."

Lacamento augments his income by cultivating vegetables in his backyard and through small-scale rice and corn farming.

"But the income I get from these is only good for our condiments," he laments.

Lacamento actually started planting sugarcane when he was 16. More than 20 farmers were engaged in sugarcane cultivation in the town at that time so he left the business because of low profit and shifted to corn and rice planting.

He has returned to sugarcane cultivation and is now one of the three remaining sugarcane farmers in Barangay Pogonsino.

Every year, Lacamento produces 20 jars of sugarcane vinegar. He supplies customers in other towns of Nueva Vizcaya and Ifugao and earns about P20,000.

A gallon of his vinegar sells for P120. *Basi* sells for P50 a bottle.

But Lacamento makes sure that he will earn extra from his sugarcane plants. He sells sugarcane shoots (*usang*) to smoked fish makers in the town for P20 a bundle as the aroma of sugarcane shoots gives the smoked fish a distinct flavor.

Leftover *usang* also serve as food for his carabaos.

LACAMENTO's products

Lacamento says his *basi* has found steady customers among farmers in the remote villages because of its good taste and affordable price.

"I do not waste a thing. I earn from everything with a little capital," he declares.

He says he controls the prices of his products because he is the only producer of natural vinegar and *basi* in the town.

"There are customers who come here and dictate their prices to us but I refuse. This is my business and I have the right to price them accordingly," he explains.

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project a success. The company now has ties with four banks, including Banco Santander.

His first deal was with a banker to whom his friend introduced him. This was followed by other meetings.

Life has not been easy for Butch whose family had been financially hard up. Unable to finish his studies, he knew there was not much opportunity for him in the country.

He used to work in a farm in Nueva Ecija, but the insufficient income earned from it forced him and his wife to seek greener pastures abroad. The plan was to go to Spain, which did not require a visa for migrants, then to the United States, after preparing all the required papers and saving enough for the fare.

But fate meant him to stay in Spain.

When the couple arrived in 1981, Butch found a job as a laborer. His job of mixing cement for construction sites earned for him the equivalent of $120 a month.

From there, Butch jumped to various jobs like gardening, driving and cooking. His menial jobs paid well, according to Butch. "The average income of Filipino workers in Spain then was only about $500, but I and my wife were earning $1,000 and $700 each," Butch says.

But Butch did not want to stay as a laborer forever.

New Career

An insurance agent offered him a pension plan while he was still working as a cook in a fine-dining restaurant in Madrid.

Seeing the benefits of the plan and earning more than enough to afford it, Butch got one without knowing that this would signal the start of a promising career.

When his friends knew about the pension plan that Butch got, they became interested in getting one for themselves, too. Seeing an opportunity to earn, Butch decided to work as a sub-agent in the insurance company and sold insurance plans to his friends.

His unprecedented success in the field of selling brought in a lot of money for British Life Insurance Co. (now known as Norwich Union). He became its top salesman during his five-year stay.

The amount he earned from the insurance job encouraged him to work full-time as an agent and to leave his cooking job.

Exemplifying the Filipino's talent and hard work, Butch was nominated by the Filipino attaché in Spain to the Bagong Bayani Award in 1994, where he placed second.

That same year, three of his four children were able to go to Spain. The eldest had joined them in 1987.

Achieving financial stability, Butch applied for early retirement and joined a real estate firm in 1997. He was attracted to work for the firm when it promised to give him a house for free if he could sell 10 houses.

Butch knew selling 10 houses was a piece of cake, since he had many friends who would like to buy houses for themselves. And true enough, Butch got his free house in one month.

But the suggestion of a friend to put up a lending company never failed to tickle his fancy. It was the same friend who referred him to the bank director who first agreed to do business with SP Sabado.

More Clients

In need of capital for the lending venture, Butch sold the house he got from his real-estate job and used the money together with his savings from his insurance job to finance SP Sabado.

The OFW-friendly services of the company made SP Sabado a hit to Filipinos in Spain. With its increasing clients, SP Sabado needed more funds to expand. This made him ask the help of a friend who introduced him to Victor Fraguas, a Spanish consul general, and Jose Rodriguez, a known banker in Spain.

The two new business partners poured in more resources into the company, thus expanding its capital base. This required SP Sabado, which was registered as a small family business, to change its name to SP Summit Trading S.L., now registered as a corporation.

SP Summit is based in Madrid. Its office here in Manila is located in Marikina, headed by Angie Perez, Butch's sister-in-law. She is assisted by her husband Mark Perez, the younger brother of Butch.

Butch's wife Shirley and Victor's wife Remy do the public relations work for the company.

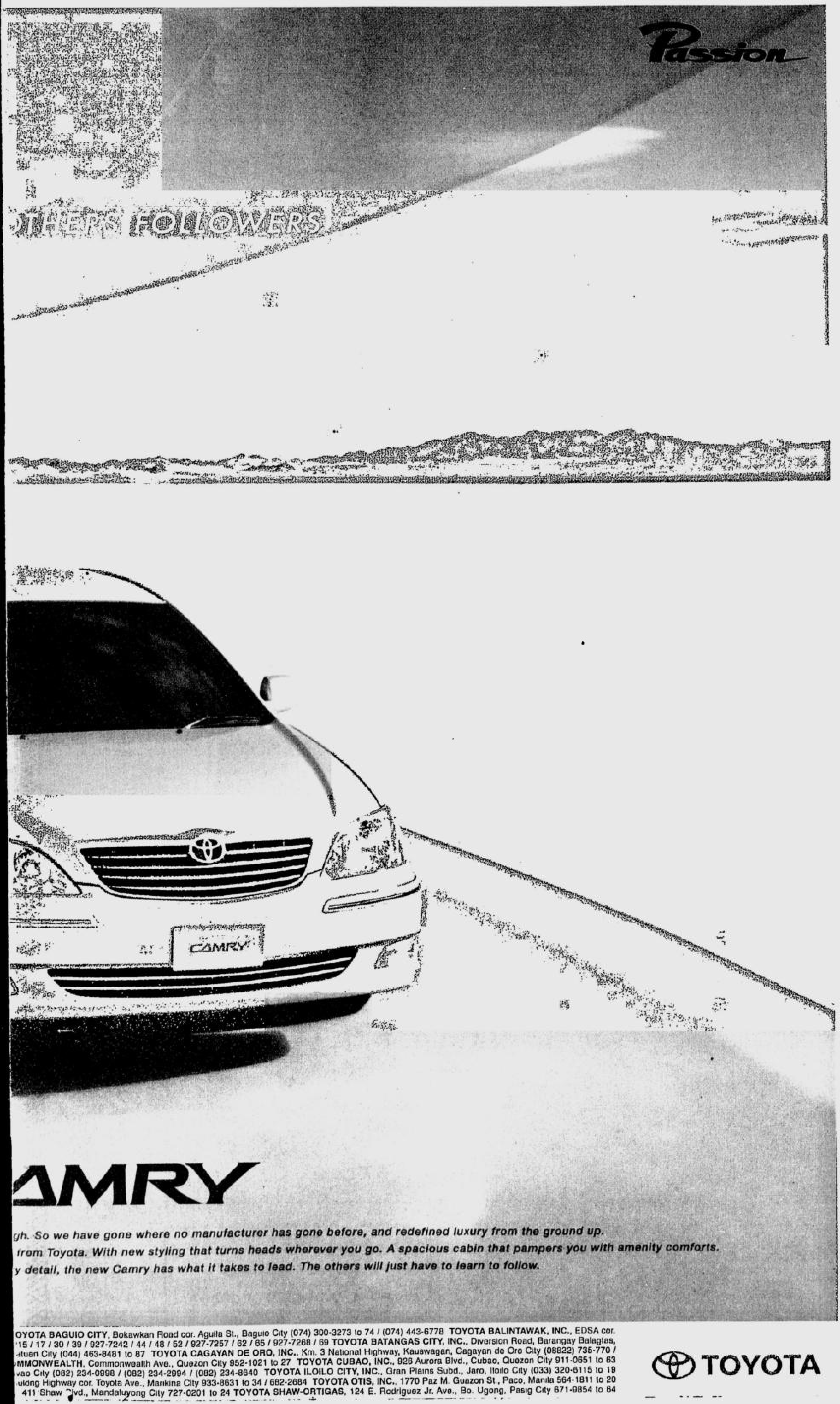
To date, SP Summit has helped over a hundred Filipino workers in Spain realize their dream of owning a house or a transport vehicle for their families.

The local office buys the lots and builds the houses.

When it started in 1997, its initial sales totaled to 433,378 euros. SP Summit Trading has had continual sales growth. It projects sale of 2 million and 4 to 6 million euros for 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Aware of the patronage of OFWs in Spain to the company's lending services, SP Summit Trading is planning to expand to other countries in Europe.

This move will allow the company reach a greater number of overseas Filipino workers, and thus help more Filipino families get a chance to their well-deserved good life.



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Psalm 91

Alejandro B. Melchor Jr.

May 1, 1930 - July 12, 2002

His loving wife **Charito**; children **Bud & Lynette, Mike & Giselle, Beth, John & Cecille**; grandchildren **Paolo, Christina, Monica, Chepito & Michelle**; sisters **Merci & Chits**; and other relatives and friends mourn his passing but celebrate his return to our loving Creator after fifty years of public service under seven presidents.

His body lies in state at the Hall of Flags, Veteran's Center Building, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Necrological Services will follow the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, July 15, 2002 at the St. Ignatius Cathedral, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, the Feast of Our Lady of Carmel at the Libingan ng mga Bayani after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Ignatius Cathedral.

In lieu of flowers, Alex would be most pleased if donations could be made to the St. Joseph's Church and Livelihood Center, to be built in San Jose, Baras, Rizal.

Our Dearly Beloved Mama

NATIVIDAD "Naty" RACELA REYES-VALDEZ

of Sarrat, Ilocos Norte and Malaybalay City, Bukidnon

Peacefully joined her Creator on July 11, 2002 at the age of 84.

Her late husband **Judge Manuel Ruaro Valdez** (†) of Laoag City; children **Atty. Aristotle** (†) **& Rose (Friala), Gen. Laurel** (†) **& Judy (Inoferio), Sylvela** (†), **Gloria & Jess Bermudez, Evelyn & Macky Puzon, Holmes & Annette (Palicte)** and **Atty. Godwin & Beng (Sabater)**; grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the residence of **Atty. Godwin R. Valdez** in Magsaysay Street, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.

Interment will be on Sunday, July 21, 2002 at 11:00 AM.

JUANITA GARCIA-DEL ROSARIO

Peacefully joined her Creator on July 13, 2002 at the age of 75.

Widow of **Anacleto T. del Rosario** (†); mother of **Marilou & Pablo de Borja, Manuel** (†) **& Mahloi Sierra, Maritess** and **Toti** (†) **Bo-ot, Jose** (†), **Anacleto Jr. & Abigail Manaloto, Beatrice, Be-Ann & Rico Anonas** and **Boboy**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request pious readers to pray for her rebirth to Eternal Life.

Her remains lie in state at St. Benedict's Chapel, Don Manolo Avenue, Alabang Hills Village, Muntinlupa City. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

Ceserio P. Calantoc

Born February 25, 1907

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 11, 2002 in Los Angeles, California and was buried in San Fernando Mission Cemetery and Mausoleum, Mission Hills, California.

His beloved wife **Nenita**; children and in-laws **Norma & Pepito** (†), **Corazon & Eddie** (†), **Baby, Nenuca & Michael, Pocholo & Rita, Marimil & Lito, Jun & Melinda** and all his stepchildren and grandchildren wish to announce that there will be a Mass on July 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church, United Hills Village Parañaque. Officiating Priest is Fr. Roy Evangelista to commemorate the 40th day of his return to our Creator.

Atty. Milagros Calceta Abrogar

Peacefully joined her Creator on July 12, 2002 at the age of 82.

Wishes to inform relatives and friends that her body lies in state at Arlington East, The Garden Chapels, 1354 C. Raymundo Avenue cor. Mercedes Avenue, San Miguel, Pasig City.

Her bereaved children **Armin** and **Linda, Arthur, Didi** and **George, Arlette** and **Eddie**; grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Capilla San Aemiliani.

FELIX GERARDO SAMSON SAMSON

Born on September 16, 1935

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on July 6, 2002 at the age of 67.

His bereaved wife **Mercedes Cruz Samson**; mother **Clotilde Samson Alsua**; children **Ma. Angela S. Rellama, Soninian-Celso Rellama, Gerardo Felix C. Samson, Ma. Concepcion C. Samson, Ma. Clotilde C. Samson, Felix Mariano C. Samson, Carlo Martin Samson**; daughter-in-law **Jean Sarte Samson**; brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, grandchildren and all other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on July 16, 2002. In Ligao Cemetery, Bicol.

Message of Thanks

*The bereaved husband **Florencio** and her loving children, in laws, grandchildren and great-grandchild of the late*

EUFRACIA "FRACITA" JUINIO FERNANDO

who peacefully joined her Creator on June 29, 2002

wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to all those who paid their last respect and grieved with them, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers messages of sympathy, kept vigil and who in various generous ways gave them comfort at the time of their great loss and sorrow.

COL. BASILIO M. PAREDES, SR. (RET. AFP)

WWII RP-US Veteran

of Bangued, Abra and Scout Fuentebella, Quezon City

passed away on July 11, 2002 at the age of 84.

The family wishes to inform relatives and friends that his body lies in state at La Funeraria G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

His bereaved children: **Salvador, Guillermo, Priscilla, Anthony, Basilio, Jr., Rizza** and their families request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will take place at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio. Date will be announced later

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"I am the resurrection and life, he who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

Hon. JAIME L. GAMILLA

Mayor, Bongabon, Nueva Ecija

Peacefully joined our Creator on July 10, 2002 at the age of 62.

His bereaved wife **Beth**; mother **Maxima**; children **Allan** and **Beng, Alexis** and **Margie**; grandchildren **Abby, Benjie, Alain, Alexa** and **Andre**; brothers, sisters, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the family residence at Bongabon, Nueva Ecija.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bongabon Municipal Cemetery following the Mass at 8:30 a.m. at the Bongabon Catholic Church and a Necrological Services at the Bongabon Municipal Hall.

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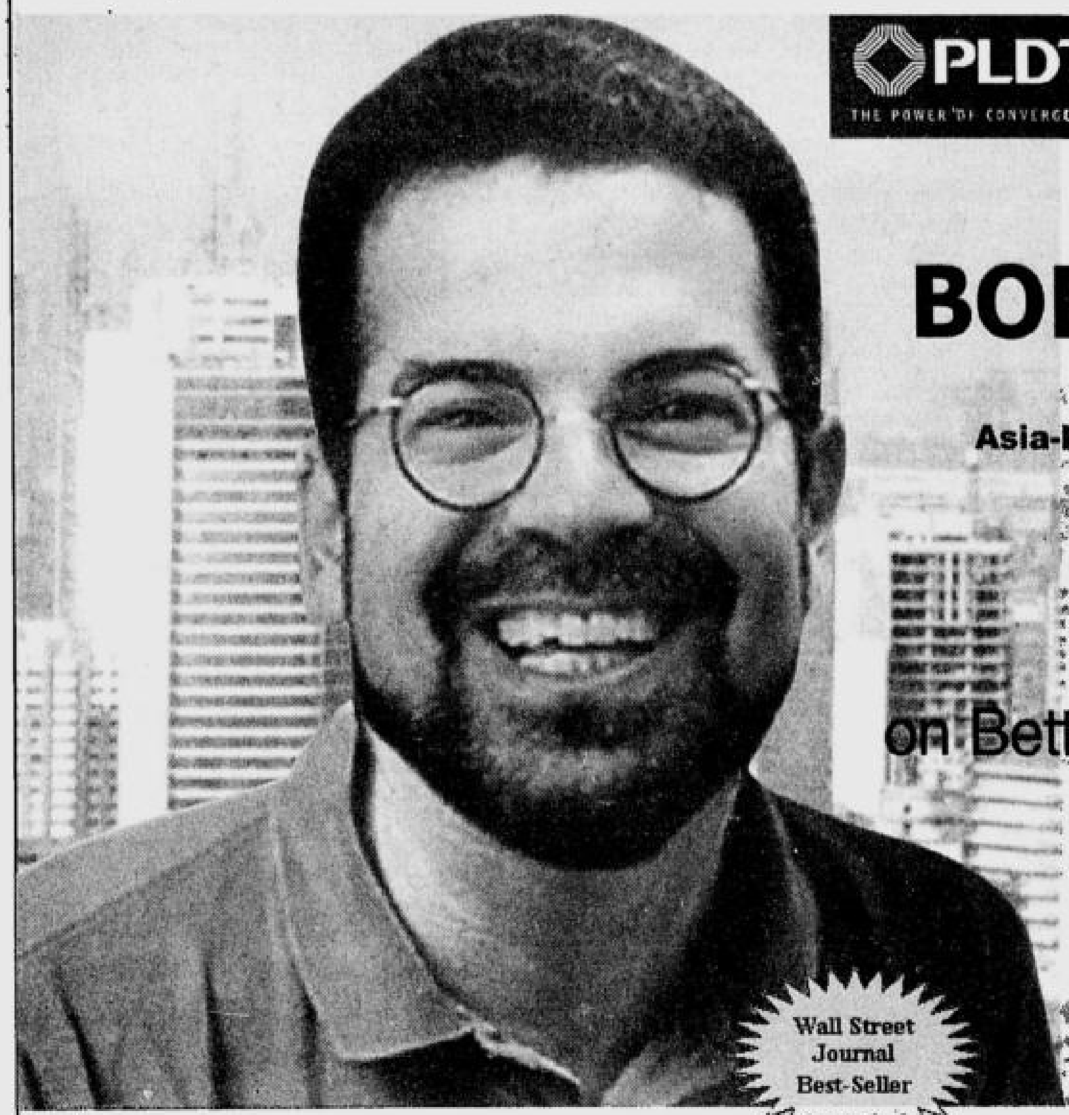

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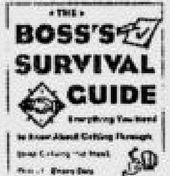

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Her loving children **Hilda** and **Eduardo Miguel**; grandsons **Patrick Albert** and **Juan Paolo**; sisters and in-laws, other relatives and friends request your prayer for the eternal repose of her soul.

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now finally rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 13th day of July 2002.

Her loving husband **Protasio**; children and daughter-in-law **Vivian, Franklin** and **Becky, Vicki**; grandchildren **Zachary, Joni, Jodi, Joshua** and **Janina**; her brother, sisters, in-laws; **Jocelyn** and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at the Holy Trinity Parish Church, Ideal Subdivision, Quezon City. Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, 17 July 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at the same church.

Interment will immediately follow at Himlayang Pilipino.

CO TIONG SA

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 12, 2002 at the age of 84.

His loving spouses **Paw Siong** (†) and **Lilia Arcilla Co**; children **Victoria Co** (†); **Jimmy Cheng Hua** and **Amy Co**; **Christie** and **Eric Picar**; **Cherrie Ann** and **Bradley Isroff**; **Gerald Arcilla**; grandchildren **Jacqueline Anne Co, James Alexander Co, Heinrich Picar**; relatives and friends request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel A3, La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

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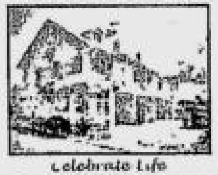

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Thank you very much Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude, for favor granted

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CIRCULAR NO. 30-2002

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SUBJECT: DUTY ON ELECTION DAY, 15 JULY 2002

In connection with the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on 15 July 2002, you are hereby DIRECTED to report to your respective courts in this day to act on all election matters within your jurisdiction and to resolve the same with utmost caution and dispatch.

In Municipal Trial Courts and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts without presiding judges, the same shall be referred by the Clerks of Courts to the judge of the pairing court pursuant to the pairing system provided under Administrative Order No. 19-97 dated February 14, 1997.

11 July 2002.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA N. ELEPANO**
Acting Court Administrator

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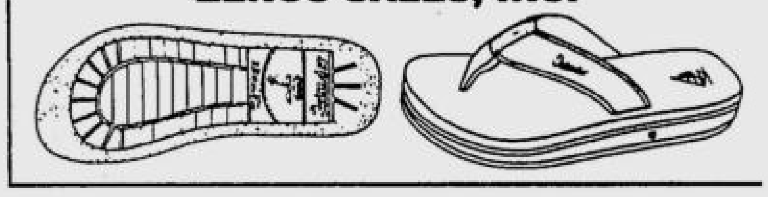

Philippine Air Force
Headquarters Air Logistics and Support Command
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Air Force is inviting bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Inspection Repair as Necessary (IRAN) of one (1) F-27 aircraft with tail nr. 59-0259.

Interested bidders may avail of the Pre-eligibility documents at the PAF BAC Secretariat, ALSC, CAB, Pampanga. Submission thereof must not be later than **August 3, 2002**.

And the Pre-bidding conference will be held on **August 15, 2002**, where the actual bidding date shall be announced to eligible bidders.

The Philippine Air Force reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defects found therein and accept the bids as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please contact **MAJ FERNANDO M REBOJA PAF/Secretariat**, Tel Nr. 0919-235-3229 or 599-2014/2015 connect to 6689 Air Logistics and Support Command, Air Force City, Clark Air Base, Pampanga.

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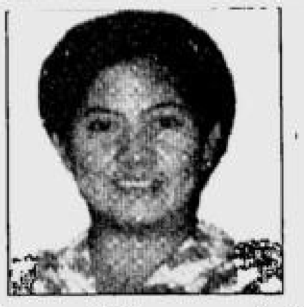

Annaliza Pingol-Param

Warrants of arrest have been issued in the following cases against Annaliza Pingol-Param of No. 10 Gen. San Diego St., Rimview Park Subd., SSS Village, Marikina City and M. Hizon St., 10th Avenue, Caloocan City, whose picture appears above:

1. Criminal Case No. Q1-106029 by the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City Branch 85 for the crime of ESTAFA; and
2. Criminal Case No. Q-01-106083 by the RTC-Q.C. Branch 222 for the crime of QUALIFIED THEFT.

Any information on her whereabouts leading to her arrest can be relayed to the appropriate law enforcement agencies or to Hermie/ Ani through tels. 911-2949 to 52.

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Ondeo bags $4.7-B contract

ONDEO (Suez), Maynilad Water Services Inc.'s French partner, has landed four major water and wastewater contracts in North America and China worth more that $4.7 billion, asserting once more its leading position in water-related services all over the world.

In Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (Prasa) has awarded Ondeo, and its North American subsidiary United Water, a 10-year $4-billion contract for the operation and maintenance of its water and wastewater services. It is the largest O & M contract for water services ever awarded, and will provide an average of $400 million in annual revenues.

The contract includes the production and distribution of drinking water for Puerto Rico's nearly 4 million residents, as well as the collection and treatment of wastewater for the entire island. This will entail the management of the entire Prasa system, consisting of 133 water treatment facilities, 68 wastewater treatment facilities, approximately 7,700 miles of water distribution pipelines, approximately 3,900 miles of wastewater collection pipelines, 30 customer service centers and nearly 6,000 employees.

In Canada, Ondeo has reached an agreement in principle to design, build and operate three wastewater treatment plants and to design and build a wastewater collection system, treating wastewater for the 380,000 residents of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The agreement will include a 30-year partnership to operate and maintain the wastewater treatment plants. The total net present value of the entire project represents more than $295 million, including capital expenditures of $166 million. It is the largest project of its kind in scope and size in North America.

In China, Ondeo has also signed up two new contracts with a total value of $408 million.

In Qingdao, Shandong Province, home of the famous Tshingtao beer, Ondeo was chosen to manage a 25-year contract to supply drinking water to 2.3 million residents, bringing the estimated population served by Ondeo in China to12 million. The Qingdao contract provides for operating, enhancing an maintaining two existing drinking water treatment plants with a total capacity of 540,000 cubic meters per day.

In Shanghai, the Southern and Northern Shanghai Water Supply Companies have entrusted Ondeo Degremont with the reconstruction of the Nanshi and Yangshupu plants, two 100-year-old drinking water treatment plants.

The plants' combined production capacity is 860,000 cubic meters a day.

Ondeo is the water division of Suez, and is the world's premier water-related solutions provider operating in 130 countries. Ondeo supplies 120 million people with water and wastewater services. It provides services to more than 60,000 industrial customers and has built more than 10,000 water-treatment plants worldwide, including Maynilad's La Mesa Treatment Plant II at the La Mesa Reservoir.

Suez on the other hand, is one of the world's premier services groups, active in energy, water, and wastewater services, with 190,000 employees at work in 130 countries, generating revenues of Euro42.4 billion in 2001.

CDO'S TOP SALESPEOPLE FETED

Officials of CDO-Foodsphere Inc. feted the company's 2001 top sales performers in ceremonies held recently in Valenzuela City. At the awarding rites were (from left) VP for sales and marketing Ed Reataza, Man of the Year for fresh processed meats Benjie Paran, Man of the Year for grocery products Christine Nepomuceno, Sales Supervisor of the Year for fresh processed meats Nilo Pabustan, Sales Supervisor of the Year for grocery products Salvador Dasigan, Area Sales Manager of the Year Cesar Domingo, Regional Sales Manager for the Year Rudy Fadrillan, corplan manager Teh Escarcha and marketing manager Jon Bendicion.

'Alleluia!' at Boston Gallery

EMMANUEL Garibay is currently exhibiting his recent thematic oil paintings in canvas in a show "Alleluia!" at the Boston Gallery. Garibay is one of today's most prolific painters and is among CCP's Thirteen Artists Awardee in 2000. The paintings of "Alleluia!" bring us to the heart of the artist's gestural and narrative work. Visual vignettes on religion as ideology reveal the quintessential activist in Garibay. The works pose questions on the nature and values of contemporary mass society, using visual irony to compose images laden with sardonic witticisms. "Alleluia" is open to the public and runs until July 16. Boston Gallery is at 72 Boston Street, Cubao, Quezon City. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For inquiries, call Carol Hernadez at 722-9205.

YTMI REALTY REGISTERS WITH PEZA

Yazaki-Torres Manufacturing Inc. (YTMI) Realty Corp. recently signed its registration agreement with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) for the development of its property located at Barangay Makiling, Calamba, Laguna as a Special Economic Zone to be known as YTMI Realty Special Economic Zone. Shown signing the agreement are Feliciano L. Torres, president of YTMI Realty Corp. and Lilia B. de Lima, director general of Peza. Romeo M. Villadolid (left), deputy director of YTMI and Roehl C. Magpantay, head of the liaison group, witness the signing.

Civic leader honors 'peacemaking' Filipinos

THE PRELUDE of the Gusi Peace Prize Award was held recently in Manila and will be highlighted next year in Manila, and later in Sydney, Australia.

The winners of the recent Gusi Peace Prize Award are Secretary of National Defense Angelo Reyes, Senator Aquilino Pimentel, Senator Robert Barbers, and new Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos.

The Gusi Paece Prize Award is a body that promotes peace, unity, and innovations in science, physics, literature, arts, medicine, academics, government and public service.

Secretary Angelo Reyes said that his award is giving him the courage to work for the country, while Senator Barbers said he is sharing his award to all the senators and his country. Pimentel's wife Bing said that it is for humanity and peace for all of mankind, especially for the Filipino people. Abalos had expressed gratitude for the award, and that he would do his best for equality of treatment in our political society.

Internationalist and civic leader Barry Gusi said that the awardees were voted for their integrity, honesty and human concern in their respective countries of origin. There were only four awardees this year, and these were all Filipinos.

According to him, every recipient of the Gusi Peace Prize Award could live for the rest of their lives with dignity and honor. These awards, he claims, are equivalent to the Magsaysny Awards and the Pulitzer Award in the United States. He hopes to lead this Asian award as dignified as the Nobel Peace Prize Award in Europe. Gusi said, "Let's take pride of being a Filipino. I am prouder, infinitely prouder that I am a Filipino."

Product FILES

Kristine goes back to school

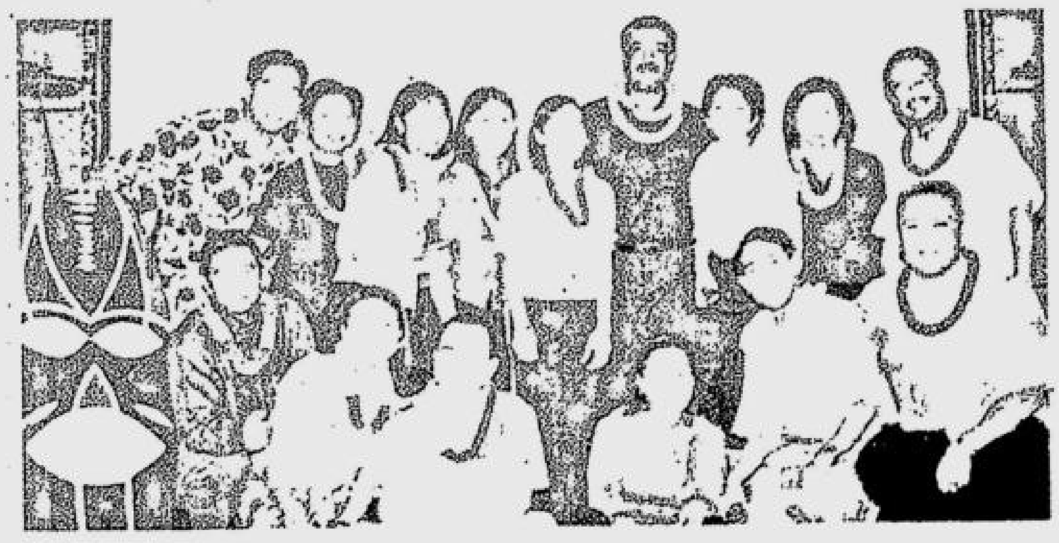
KRISTINE Hermosa, undisputedly one of the prettiest faces and hottest young stars in the Philippine entertainment industry, goes back to school just like thousands of students.

Despite her hectic showbiz schedule, Kristine puts a premium on her studies and she's bent on finishing her e-business college degree. Despite the enormous success she has achieved at the age of 18, it has always been her dream, like anyone else's, to complete her studies. Her popularity, obviously, hasn't gone to her head.

It is because of this premise that Illustrazio Bags got her to be its celebrity endorser and image model. Illustrazio believes that Kristine, with her magnetic personality, best embodies the characteristics of its products—colorful, hip and dynamic.

Students will find going to school a swell time with Illustrazio's cutting-edge unisex backpack and trolley bag designs. Made from durable all-imported materials, its backpacks are of various sizes, designs and colors. Its trolley bags breaks all barriers with the introduction of the Edge Protection System and aircraft grade aluminum handle.

Illustrazio Bags are available at SM, Robinsons, Isetann and Sta. Lucia East Department Stores.



WINNING TEAM

Mobile phone leader Nokia recently treated its valued dealers to a night of fun, music, and a preview of the latest Nokia phone models during 'La Isla Nokia' at the Shnagri-La Makati. The dealers' night was marked by an audio-video presentation on the new line of phones ranging from the Nokia 3315 to the 9210i, which cater to a diverse mix of lifestyle needs. Shown is Nokia country general manager Parikshit Bhasin (standing, center) with the officers of Nokia Philippines.

BITS & Clips

Catering seminar set

CATERERS and restaurateurs planning to start or manage a catering business are invited by ProActive Center for Training in its Managing a Catering Business Seminar-Workshop from July 15 to 24, 1 to 5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, Quezon City. Reservations are being accepted at 787-6370 or at 0919-5500601. Visit PACT's website at www.info.com.ph/~pactserv. The 8-day training will feature lectures and hands-on workshops on legal requirements, planning the menu, equipment and staffing, cost control, room arrangements, napkin folding and table skirting. Trainers are foodservice consultants and professors of hotel and restaurant management who are award-winning coaches of the student division on Chefs on Parade.

Seminars for teachers

THE ASSOCIATION of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions together with the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation Inc. (CHRDF) will hold the following seminar-workshops for teachers: July 15 and 16, "Methods and Approaches in Teaching Interactive Reading-Responding to and Writing About Philippine Literature", July 17 and 18, "The Ausubelian, Reggio Emilia, Developmental-Interaction and Other Approaches to Pre-School Education, July 18 and 19, "Enhancing Higher Order, Thinking Skills Through Innovative Teaching Strategies and Assessment in Science, and July 19 and 20, "How to Make the Teaching and Learning of History More Interesting. Seminars will be held at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, Quezon City. Call 927-9858, 0917-2483733, 0917-3840292 and look for Vilma Vagay.

PHILIPPINE CHINESE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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LA FUNERARIA PAZ MOA

A memorandum of agreement was signed recently between La Funeraria Paz, represented by president Jose M. Gonzales Jr., the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association, and the Fil-Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, represented by Dr. James G. Dy, Ong Yee ang and Felix Tong. Also shown are Sergio Q. Lim of he Grand Family Association of the Philippines, Ricardo Tan of the Association of Volunteer Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters of the Philippines, Joe Tan of the Association of Philippine Volunteer Fire Brigades, Ong Su Tiak of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Fire Prevention and Civic Welfare Association, and Joy Dy Chui Eng of the Association of Chinese-Filipino Schools in the Philippines.

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BARAGATAN TEXT WINNER

Provincial information officer Orlan Jabagat of Puerto Princesa was the winner of the cultural text quiz organized by Smart Communications Inc. and the local government of Palawan in celebration of Baragatan 2002, highlighting the 100th year of the founding of the province. Jabagat here is given a 3310 cellphone from Irene Serrano, wireless center manager for Southern Luzon. At left is Toto Alvior, Palawan wireless center supervisor.

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ELENA Marcelo keeps the weaving tradition alive.

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The *loom* of life

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
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DRESSED in a traditional purple *k'gal taha soung* with cross-stitched geometric symbols in red, white and yellow, and *luwek* or ankle-length skirt, Elena Marcelo works on a weaving loom Monday to Saturday at the T'Boli Weaving Center at the beachfront of Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao in Lanang, Davao.

Marcelo, who hails from Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, is bent on continuing the art of weaving which she learned from her mother when she was 15 years old. While her mom was weaving, Marcelo, together with her three sisters in a brood of eight, would sit very still, watching her. "She would tell us stories, how to string the loom, which colors to use and what they mean."

The weaving center, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a showcase of typical T'Boli highland tribe lifestyle. It houses crafts and woven fabrics in contemporary designs and colors such as blouses, *malong*, bags, tapestries, vase cover, throw pillow cases and letter envelopes.

"So much of the culture these days has been commercial culture, producing things for ready consumption," Marcelo says. "There now seems to be a greater appreciation of things that are handmade."

For her weaves, Marcelo uses *krungon* (abaca fiber) from the mature, fruit-bearing wild abaca. Each fiber is carefully dried in the sun and stretched on the *gono smoi*, a comb-like wooden frame with teeth pointing up, to preserve the length and silkiness of each fiber.

She makes dyes from plants: black from knalum tree leaves and red from loko tree roots. "Most moderns forsake the traditional ways for a quick abaca purchase at the local fabric store, but the end result is never the same," Marcelo says.

Weavers also must work off a loom, constructed with two upright bamboo frames set at right angles to two crosspieces. Woolen threads (the warp) are tightly strung between the crosspieces while the designing thread (the weft) is woven between the warp.

More than a product

Indeed, weaving takes a long time. A *tnalak* piece, like a 10-meter tapestry or *malong*, usually takes about a month or more. An embroidered blouse, Marcelo says, takes her four

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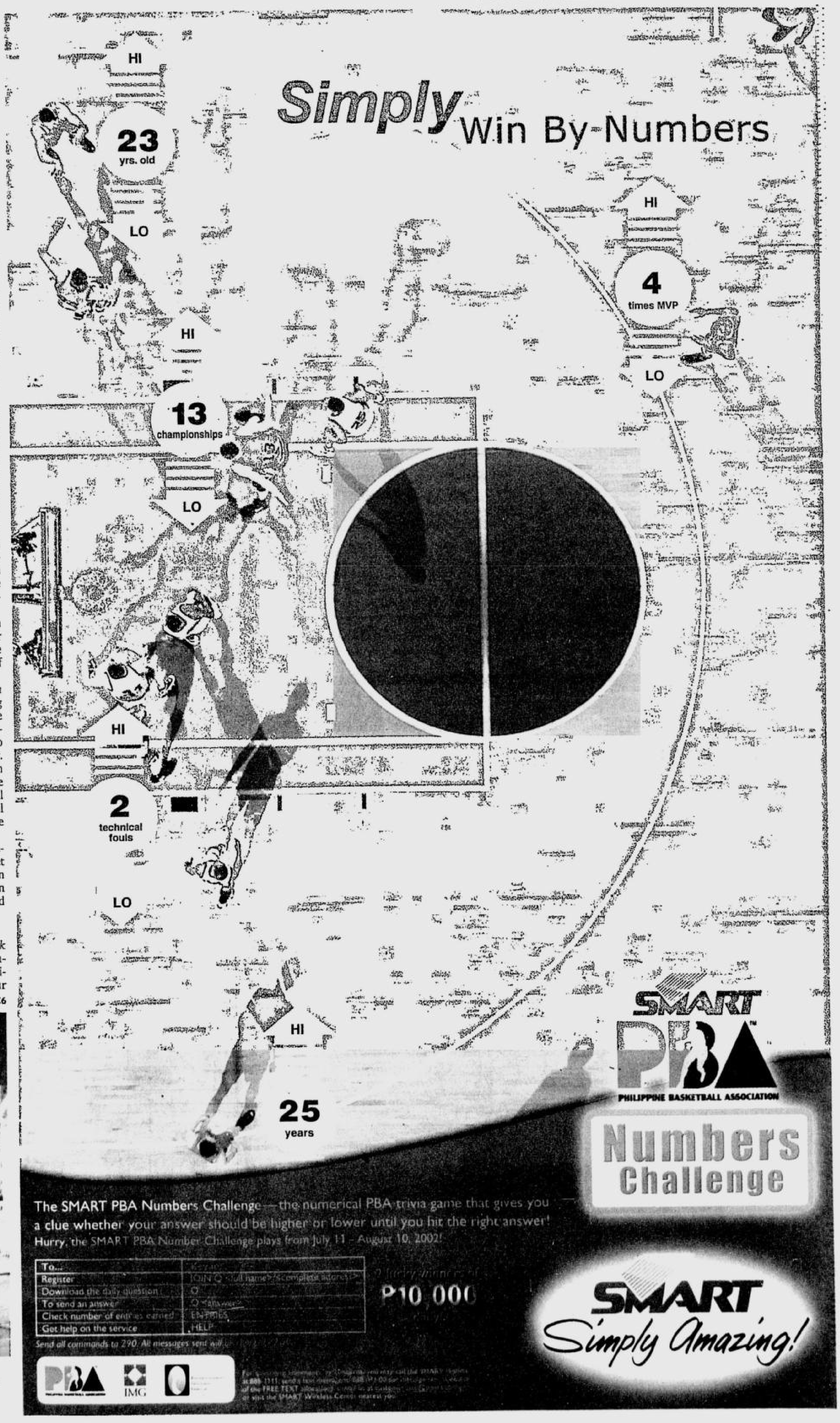
MARCELO demonstrates the art of weaving at the T'Boli Weaving Center in Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao in Lanang, Davao.



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"SHE'S NOT TOO OLD FOR SEX!"

(Part 2)

The decline in sexual responsiveness as the woman grows older will have to be dealt with on two levels: First, is it really due to menopause and its attendant physical changes and sociocultural nuances? Or, is it due to the declining sexuality of the husband, who, at this time, is also advancing in years with illnesses concomitant with aging, including Erectile Dysfunction (ED)?

When dealing with sexuality in the aging generation, the couple has to be involved because the hallmark of human sexuality is the central role of the partners.

What can we, as doctors, do to help our patients?

Make our ageing women (and men) understand that in order to maintain healthy sexual functioning, they should be aware of their diminishing arousability. Performance goals may have to change - "thrice weekly" may have to be "try weekly." Habitual behavior may have to be modified with a little novelty - get out of your bedroom. Check into a motel as if you were young lovers getting away from a strict parent.

Not to be treated lightly is the need for a holistic approach to the problem of sexuality and intimacy in the couple. The counseling should be addressed to the couple as a team.

> ...the gynecologist should make it a part of the annual gynecologic examination to ask routinely about the woman's sexual life

In addition, the gynecologist should make it a part of the annual gynecologic examination to ask routinely about the woman's sexual life. "Are you still sexually active? Are you having any difficulty like painful intercourse and lack of sexual desire?"

To the woman and her husband reading this: if your doctor fails to bring these topics up, then by all means mention them to him or her. You have a right to address your sexual concerns. Do not be shy. Trust your doctor. And if he or she doesn't listen to you with patience or make you feel at ease opening up details of your most intimate life, then look for someone who will. There are a lot of doctors out there who will gladly help.

THANKS FOR TEXTING

Last week's text survey results:

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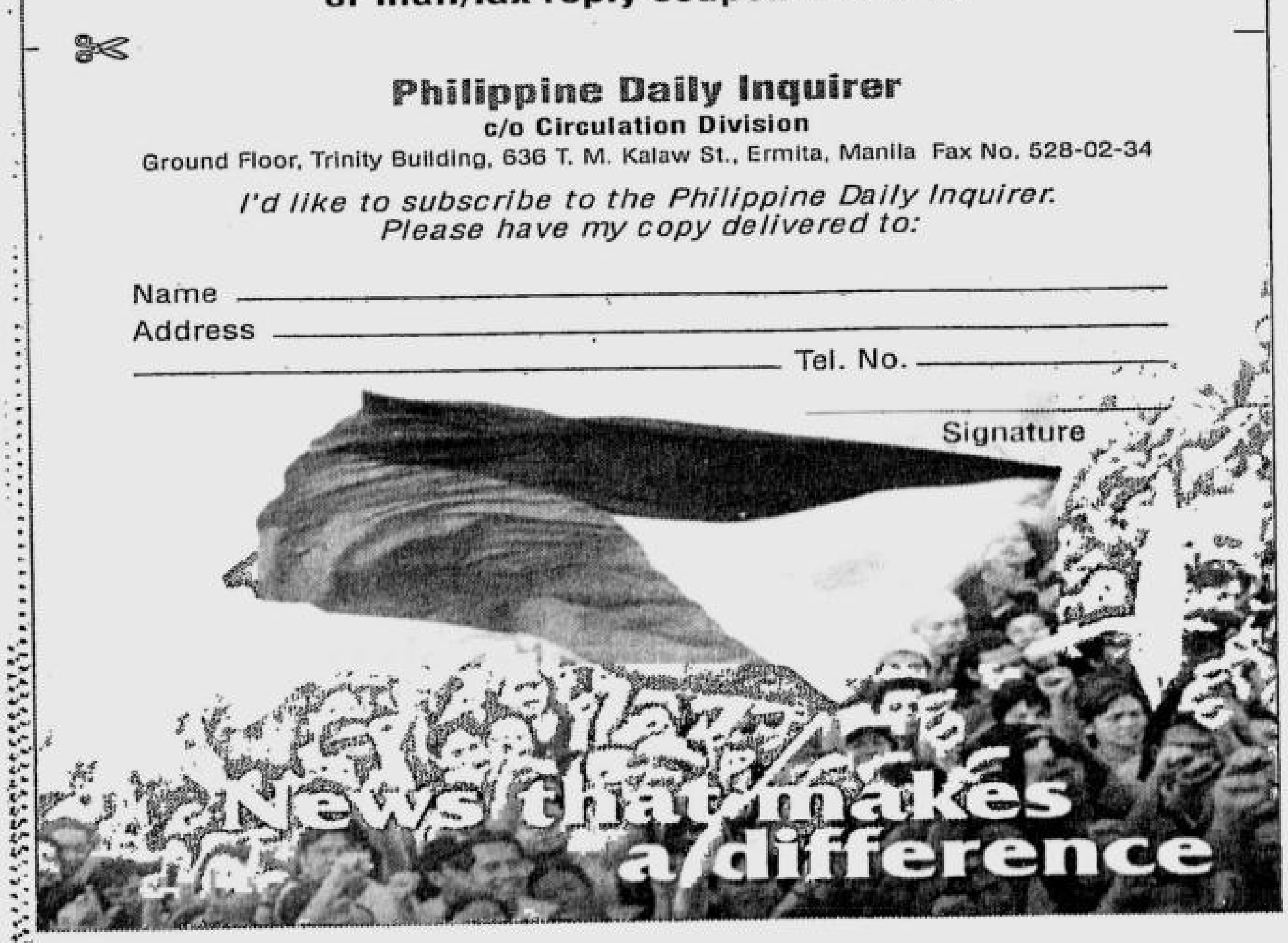

News that makes a difference

She thinks ex-bf unfairly gets good breaks

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

When I was 16, I fell head over heels for Roger. I was honest and faithful, but he was just the opposite.

I was young and foolish. It was only on our eighth year that I came to my senses and dumped him.

A few months later, he got a girl pregnant and married her, only for them to separate soon because he knocked up another girl. (And to think that he proposed marriage to me soon after we broke up, and again after his marriage failed!)

The latest I've heard is that he's living in with a new girl, and they have a child. And he's doing very well financially.

I'm 36 now, and a fairly successful entrepreneur. I've had several relationships since Roger, but I've remained single because I'm happy this way. I feel I have a blessed life, really.

Except for one thing: I can't get over the idea that Roger has been getting all the right breaks despite the unfair things he had done and the people he had hurt. And I cringe at the thought that he'd conclude I did not achieve the height of financial success and marital fulfillment because I didn't stick with him.

Most of all, though, I'm alarmed that I should feel this way toward him even after all these years. Why is this happening to me, Tita?

IN CRISIS

I don't think it's because you are still in love with him. If you were, you'd have gotten together with him, or would have tried to, and you had plenty of time to do that since you broke up 12 years ago.

What you're going through could be an attack of "What if?"—the bothersome thought that, had you held on, you would now be married to your first love who, apparently, has gotten over womanizing and has the wherewithal to raise a family comfortably.

But such thought will probably not live long in you, as it depends so much on the unlikely possibility that Roger has changed for the better. If his behavior says anything at all, it says that being faithful and moral is not much a part of his nature.

But perhaps we don't need to look for too obscure an explanation. What is obvious is that your sense of justice has been offended, and I think that's good enough for the way you feel now.

Indeed, why should a bad guy get the good breaks? Shouldn't he, instead, been hit by lightning by now?

For everything there is a season, though, and it is not for us to say when justice should deliver the rap on Roger's knuckles—with what, or how hard. Leave that to fate, *hija*, and just be comforted by the thought that everyone will get his due, and Roger's will not be enviable. If, because of the breaks he's getting, Roger is flying high now, imagine how hard he will fall later.

Being preoccupied with other people's punishment makes us overlook our own rewards. So let Roger worry about his own karma, *hija*, while you concentrate on enjoying and being grateful for your blessings.

Wanted: Old copies of The Avanceñan

MY three kids are all students now, and I wish I could inspire them with the hard work I did in high school. Unfortunately I lost my scrapbook of the articles I wrote in our high school organ, The Avanceñan, in 1975-1977.

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A DAD

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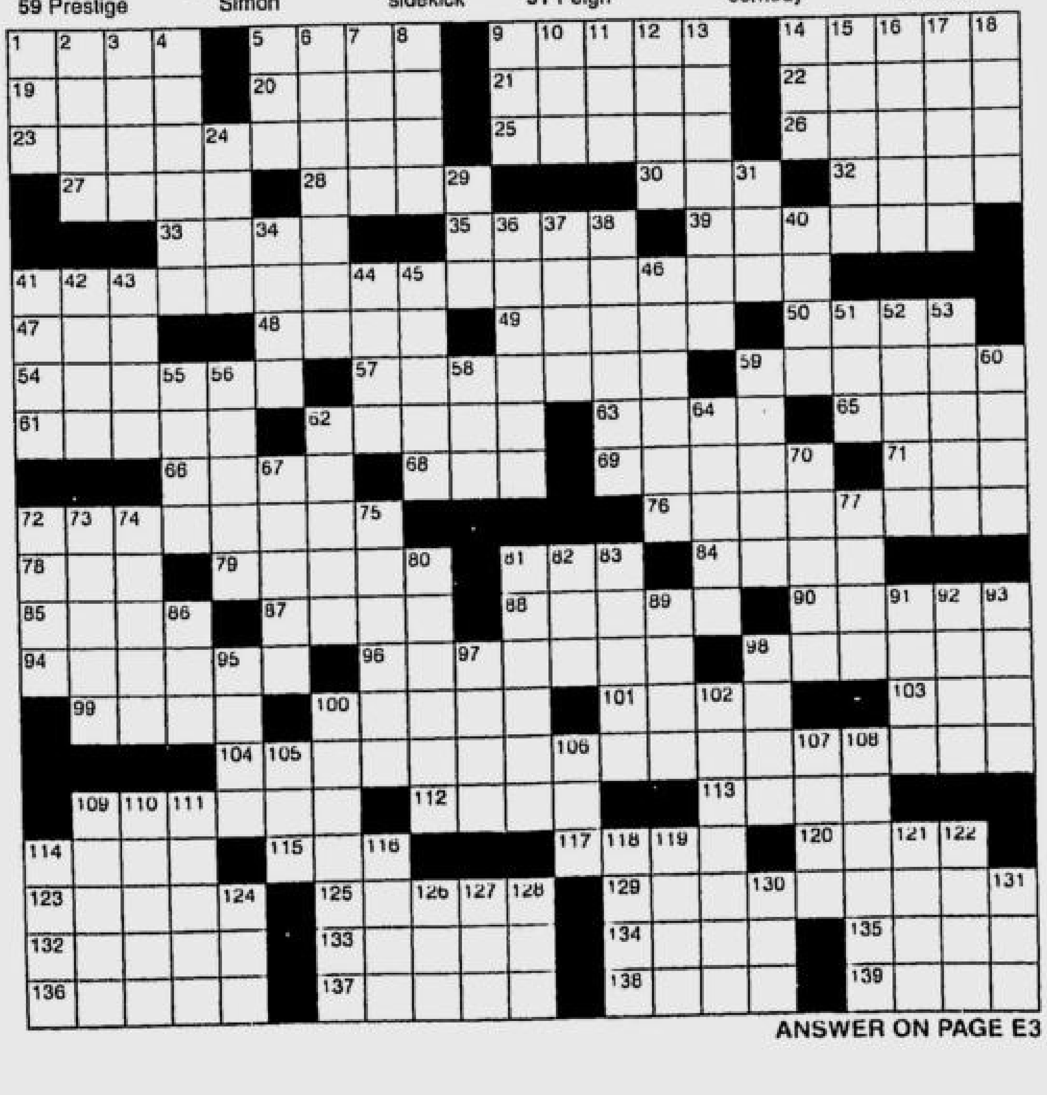

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Earthy art

Soil artist Lovella Joaquin explores her fertile imagination through fertile loam

LOVELLA Joaquin is one of soil painting's flame keepers in Davao. The ray of hope she offers is further brightened by two other artists, Raul Bendit and Romualdo de la Cruz, who try to keep the same faith.

In her bare-all approach, Joaquin creates works that are simultaneously rough and lyrical. She makes jagged emotional landscapes in colors that range from earthy to bilious.

Joaquin uses yellow and red soil from Malaybalay, black from Samal, peach from Camiguin and green from Bukidnon.

"Using soil as medium is not that popular yet, but the technique is very easy," Joaquin says. "It's messy but no fuss. You don't have to use an easel, just ordinary brushes. Soil painting is cheap. It becomes expensive when you run out of soil and you have to travel to other places to get it."

Joaquin dilutes the soil in water and wait for it to dry. She uses glue so the hues of the soil won't easily fade. The finished work on thick *katsa* can even be folded or rolled without any danger of destroying the art piece.

The process and making people appreciate the medium are a struggle. "My friend Raul [Bendit] sells his works for only P1,000 a piece so he can have the money to buy basic necessities," she says. "I try to help him uplift the art by selling his works on the Web."

Well-documented

Joaquin used to work with oil, watercolor and pastels. "When I finally found my medium, I found it hard to stop painting with soil."

Since she began her love affair with soil in 2000, she has taken the emotions and events that have come her way and fervently documented each passage, with all of their anxiety and struggle, in her paintings.

Joaquin's art is all about being a mother, daughter and lover, and the intense sweep of emotions produced by such strong attachments. Under these circumstances, one feels both "in control and out," as she has said of herself.

Although autobiographical in nature, the paintings are far from literal. Merging spontaneity and structure, Joaquin conveys her meaning through the use of loose brushstrokes and a wealth of abstracted images. Themes of life and death, resurrection and redemption have appeared in her work again and again over the years.

One cannot help but admire Joaquin for her ferocious conviction. Her works appear to be all about life and its struggles. But they may also be considered as nothing but an artist's determination to push soil and painting as far as they will go.

Joaquin manages to make paintings about love and beauty (or their absence) that are free of the taint of sentimentality. While the paintings are aggressive, their energy comes not from anger but strength, and they reveal, beneath it all, an endearing vulnerability.

Rowena C. Burgos

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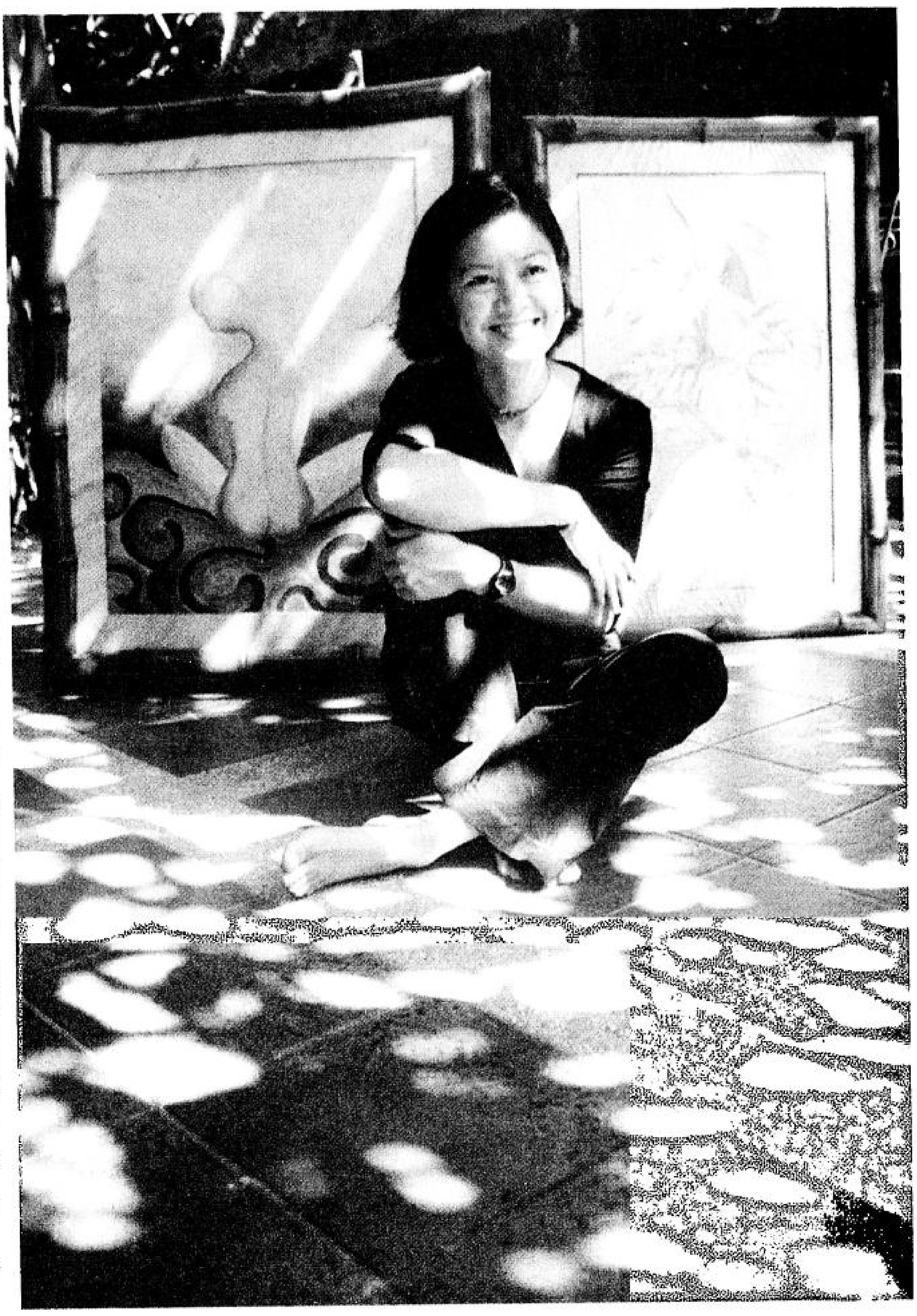

LOVELLA Joaquin with her creations, "Paghandum (Longing for Someone)" and "Pagpaabot (Waiting)"

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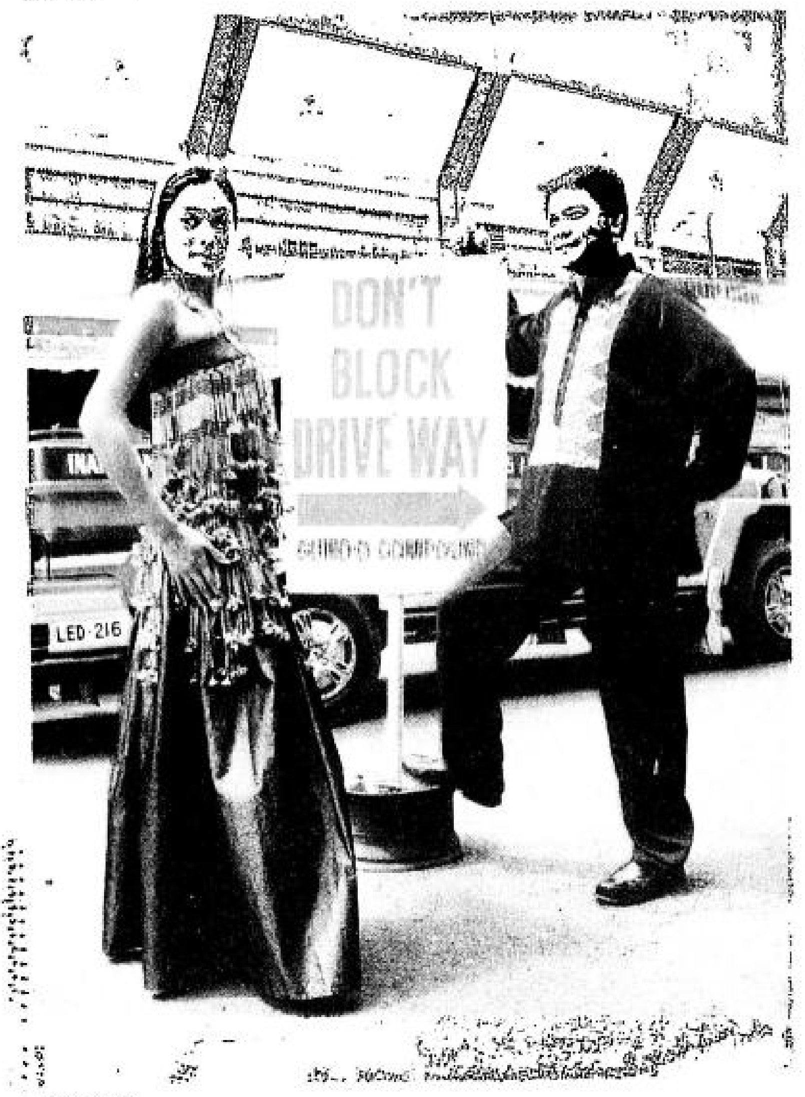
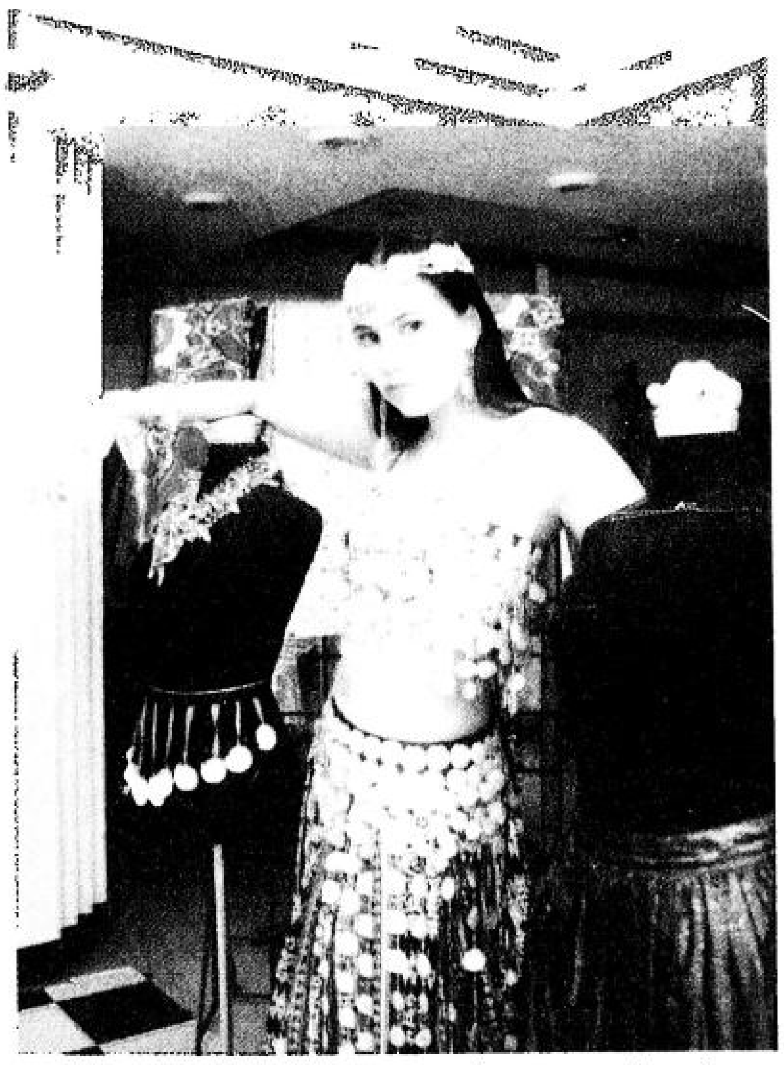


ETHNIC FLIRTATION. Grace wears an iridescent purple gown accented with tribal strung beads, originally intended as headdresses. Hembler wears a black barong with ethnic-inspired embroidery.



TRIBAL CHIC. Ann wears a bra top, waist accent and earrings made of strung coco shells over Mandaya-print rayon skirt.

MESMERIZE. Grace wears a green A-line gown with an elaborately beaded skirt in sun design.

Happily ethnic

PICTORIAL DIRECTION: FRITZ YNFANTE
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Text by Cheche V. Moral
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> Guino-o's name means 'gentleman' and his nickname is Boy, but what's in a name if your designs can wow them?

WHILE Metro Manila was submerged in floodwaters Saturday, we were in a hurry to get into Alfonso "Boy" Guino-o's shop on Bonifacio Street to take refuge from Davao City's midday heat. Situated on the ground floor of an old commercial edifice, the small shop was nondescript, with only a white signage that bore the designer's first name and a faded black beaded jacket in the display window.

As we entered, however, we were awed by racks and racks of gowns, kaleidoscopic creations draped on mannequins, elaborately beaded jackets, headdresses, accessories—all ethnic in material and inspiration.

"Those on the mannequins are all new and will be shown at the Mindanao Trade Expo here in August," offered the bespectacled designer. Guino-o was also in the middle of preparations for an exhibit in Manila in the second week of August. "It's the Bayanihan Dance Troupe's (now the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company) 45th anniversary," he explained, "and I was a Bayanihan dancer before I became a full-time designer.

LAVENDER TEMPTATION. Ann wears a lavender skirt with tube top and accessories made of strung *sigay*.

GRACEFUL FOWL. Black organza asymmetric gown embellished with peacock feathers

Promoting Davao

Highly noted for his use of indigenous handwoven fabrics and Mindanao tribal colors, Guino-o admitted his design sensibilities didn't lean toward the ethnic when he was starting out in the late '50s. "I admired Christian Dior and other European designers, so I was also into the European look. I later discovered Mindanao materials so I stuck to them. It became my way of promoting Davao," he said. Guino-o has, for over 40 years, been whipping up elegant ethnic-influenced finery.

If many of this generation are not familiar with his work, it is because Guino-o rarely ventures out of this southern city to do shows, except for the occasional shows abroad. He said he never found the need to take his business to Metro Manila. "*Bakit pa? Ang dami-dami na nila doon?*" he laughed.

Manilans sought him out nevertheless. He, however, modestly declined to name his clients. "*Huwag na,*" he demurred. "Just say they're society matrons and congressional ladies." Further prodding made him spill a couple of names: former Tourism Secretary Gemma Cruz Araneta and Davao's own Margie Moran Floirendo.

"I am happy and contented with what I have achieved and in what I am doing," declared Guino-o, whose name means "gentleman."

Fulfillment

Now 65, Guino-o has turned to gardening for relaxation, creating topiaries in a small garden behind his shop and in a bigger one in his Samal Island beach house. But it is traveling that gives him the most fulfillment. "I get to unwind and update myself with the latest in fashion, which is necessary in my line of work," he said.

In October last year, upon the invitation of a Filipino group in the United States, Guino-o staged shows in New York, Chicago and Washington to raise funds for the victims of 9/11.

"Filipinos living abroad make up the bulk of my clientele," he said. He showed us a wedding gown he was making for a Fil-Am bride in Philadelphia. "She saw one of my clothes in the October show and insisted on a similar design for her wedding."

Even foreigners are drawn to his clothes, but they require less colorful beading, say, silver or gold only, "because they don't want it to look Mexican...I know some foreigners who buy my beaded blazers and replace my tag with something else. But I don't mind," he laughed.

"The keys to success are patience, hard work and, of course, creativity," said Guino-o when asked for his advice to new designers—one that shouldn't be taken lightly as these are the values that have earned the man respect and staying power.

Undoubtedly the Guino-o of Davao fashion, he will not, at anytime soon, find the need to spruce up the façade of his shop—or move to a swankier location—to lure prospective clients.

ALFONSO "Boy" Guino-o, the gentleman of Davao fashion

The loom of life

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THE T'BOLI Weaving Center showcases crafts like the wooden T'Boli comb decorated with beads.

months to finish, while a blouse designed with mother of pearl takes a year.

As is typical in all tie-dyed material, both sides of the T'Boli cloth can serve as the front. The designs are exactly the same, stitch for stitch, on either side. *Tnalak*, however, is best appreciated not in strong, harsh light but in the soft half-light typical of T'Boli house interiors, where the designs come to life and pulsate with esoteric messages.

Tnalak designs are normally interlocking zigzags, triangles, rhombuses, hexagons, chevrons and other geometric patterns. Within this framework are varying motifs such as the crab, bird in flight, frog, shield, snakes and a person within a home.

"This is more than a product," says Marcelo. "The whole process, including the carding and spinning, focuses the individual into doing just that thing. It's picking the dye plants, planning the pattern, working with the abaca. But the dominant society looks at the product. The process is not as important to them."

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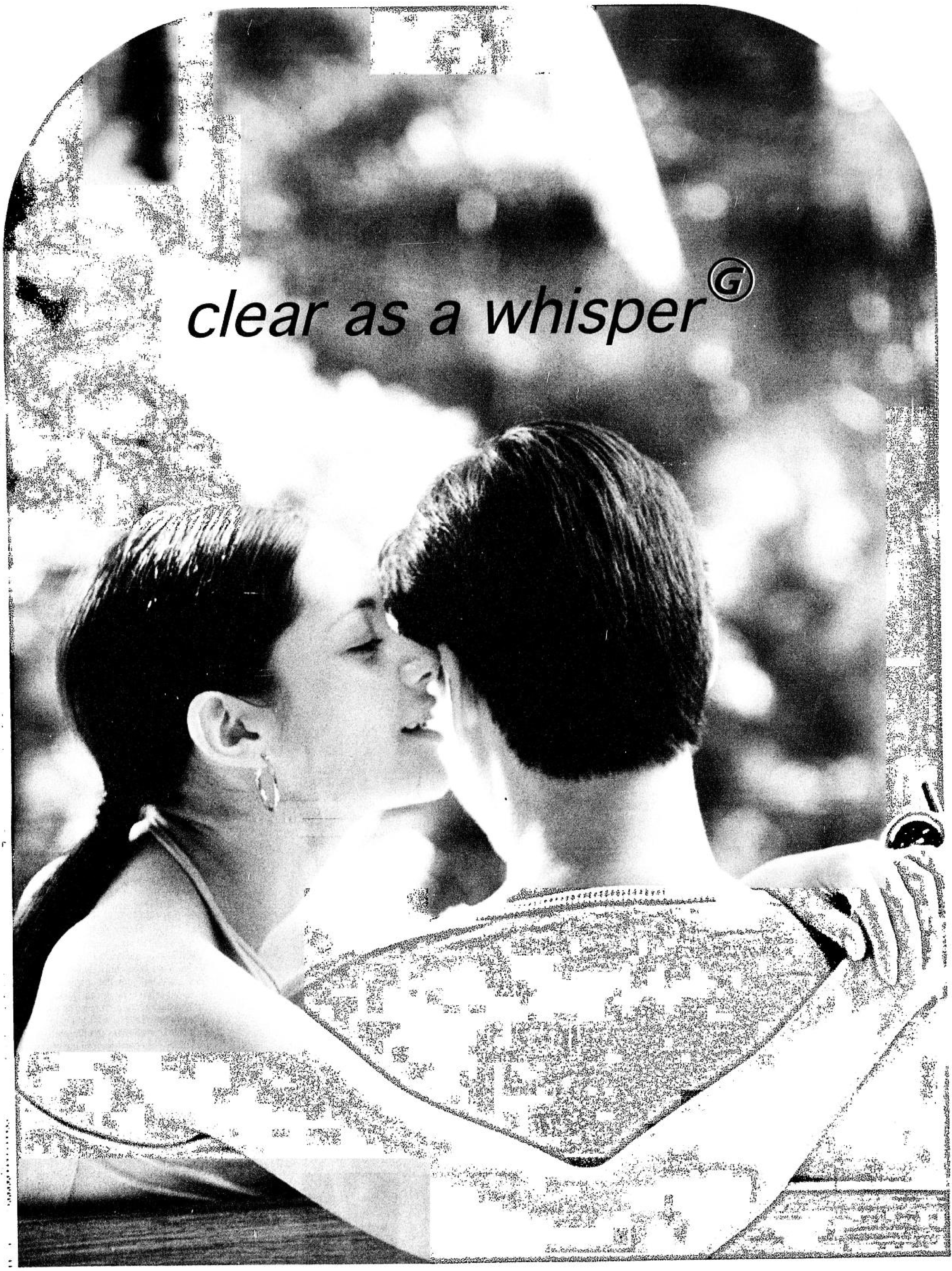
ABACA blouses with embroidery (P2,000) and mother of pearl (P15,000)



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A TRIBAL man's wardrobe is as highly ornamented as that of a woman.

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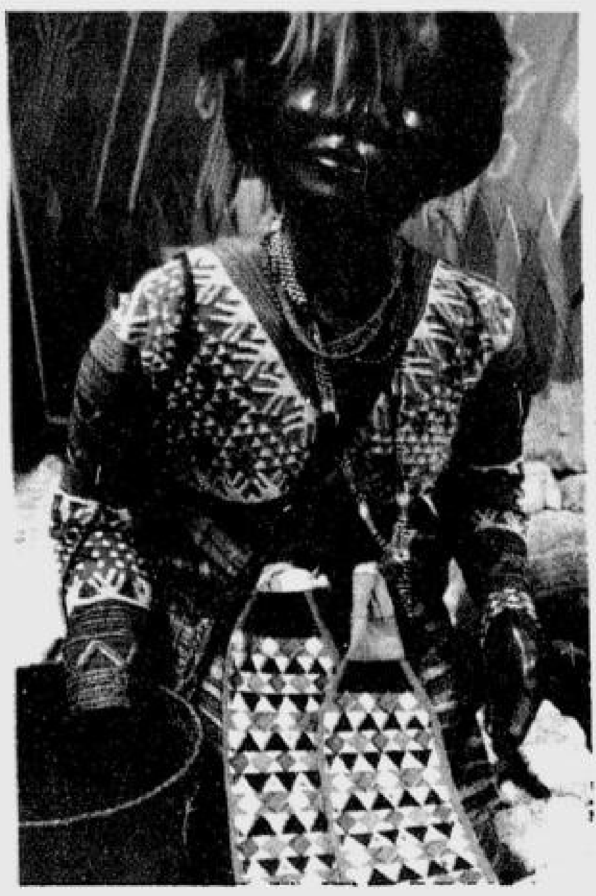
Purely privately funded, the Davao Museum conserves the relics and patrimony of the colorful cultures that make Davao a melting pot



A STRIKINGLY beautiful embroidered blouse and skirt used by a bride on her wedding day

Into the deep museum

THE SOLE custodian of Davao's ethnic and historical heritage, the Davao Museum houses three main galleries: History of Davao, Contemporary Arts and Crafts and Ethnicity.

Located at 113 Agusan Circle, Zonta Building, Insular Village, Phase I, Lanang, Davao City, the Museum features an interesting and colorful display of authentic tribal arts, crafts, costumes, weapons, musical instruments and a host of other native implements and paraphernalia of the many highland tribes in Mindanao. Personal memorabilia of first-generation pioneers of Davao are also showcased.

"The Davao Museum embodies the spirit and cultural diversity of Mindanao. In bringing together Davao's long history, rich natural heritage and hundreds of artifacts, the Museum has come to represent everything that fascinates many people about Davao," says Rizalina Mitra Pangan, vice president of Davao Museum Foundation Inc.

Founded by the Zonta Club in 1976, the Museum has been managed by Davao Museum Foundation Inc. since 1989. It is sustained entirely by private donations.

"We're inviting everyone to be a member of the Friends of Davao Museum. We welcome contributions of relics, artifacts and other objects relevant to our region's rich heritage," Pangan says.

Davao Museum's showcases a treasure trove of arts and crafts.

There are weapons and shields, costume and jewelry accessories, hawk bells which embellish necklaces, belts and knife handles, ancient beads, combs with beads, ivory ear plugs used by tribal chiefs, amulets, farm and fishing tools, folk baskets, a burial jar and home wares. A tableau of a Sanguil wedding, with the bride and groom and their respective families dressed in the finest costumes, is also featured.

There are also gong ensembles, which vary from one ethnic group to another. Even within a village, musical differences may occur in choice of gong tuning, playing style and interpretation of rhythms and pieces. Bamboo or wooden versions of the *kulintang* are usually used to simulate gong music.

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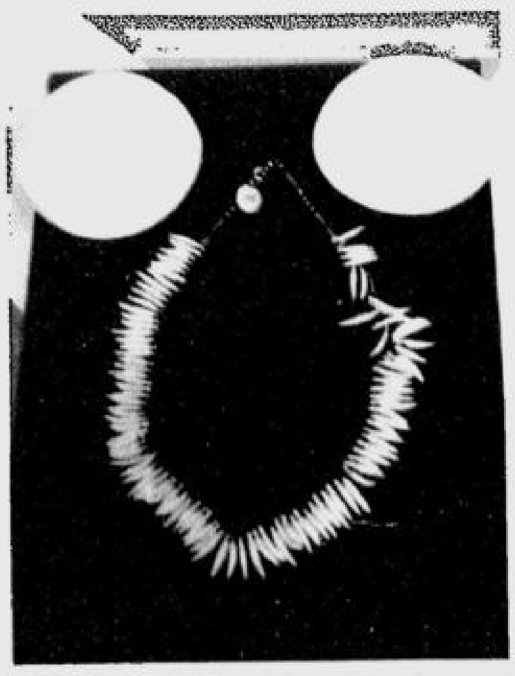
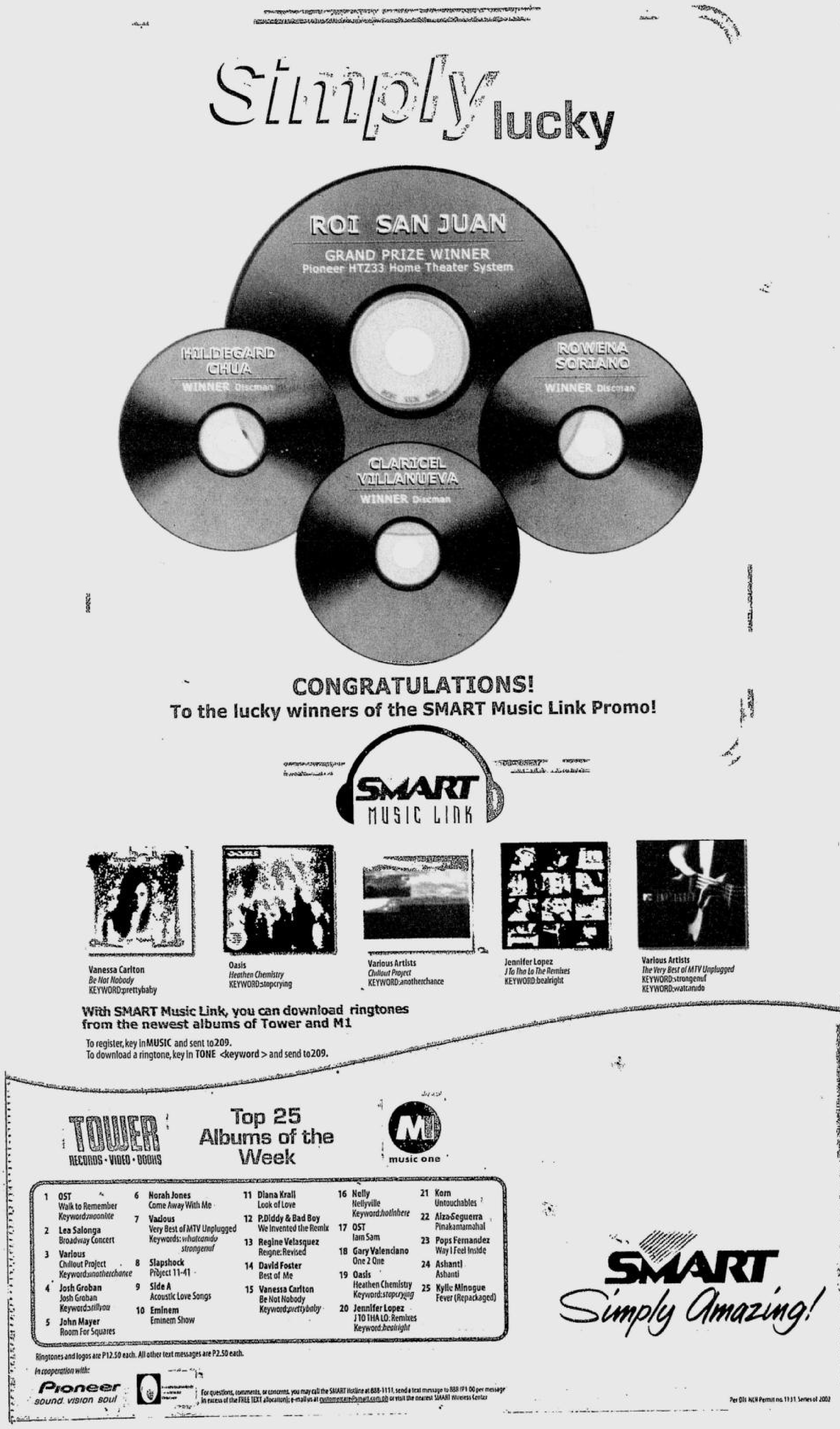


T'BOLI ivory ear plugs for men and amulet of wild cat teeth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Stop and smell the homegrown coffee

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Photos by Joan Bondoc

Blugré began the coffee culture in Davao and its success has given the island's bean growers a much-needed break

DAVAO'S BREW. Blugré Coffee's flagship store at Matina Town Square

IF someone says, "When in Davao, stop and smell the..., chances are you'll add, "Durian." It just seems the most natural thing to say. You hear of Davao and you think of durian.

This side of the country is not exactly known for aromatic and intoxicating coffee brews, but one place is bent on changing that stereotype. Blugré Coffee, in its four short years of existence, is fast making coffee drinking the thing to do in this idyllic city—for tourists and residents alike.

'Starbucks of Davao'

With its posh interiors and a coffee menu akin to those of international coffee shop chains, Blugré Coffee has earned the moniker "Starbucks of Davao."

"I don't mind," laughs owner Gatchi Gatchalian. "In fact, I feel honored that those who have tried us think we're comparable." The similarity, however, ends there, he says.

"We have created our own identity—from the logos down to the complete product line," he says. "We wanted Davao to get used to the coffee culture so we resorted to the tried-and-tested formulas, which are the 'colonial' coffee flavors." Ergo, the ubiquitous espressos, cappuccinos and lattes.

Four years, four branches and 55 employees later, Blugré has built a reputation that has made a stopover at its stores a requisite for every tourist in this city. No mean feat for an enterprise that started out as an apparel brand.

"Blugré was actually a clothing line," explains Gatchalian. "Since my wife Larcy and I loved coffee, we thought of putting a small coffee corner in our boutique in 1998. It was hard to say no when we were offered a bigger space for a coffee shop."

Blugré Coffee's branches are at Gaisano Mall, Landco-PDCP Corporate Center, Matina Town Square, and the newest at SM City Davao.

Local coffee, own blend

Quite commendable is Blugré's use of local coffee beans, harvested from the different provinces of Mindanao—Gatchalian's fitting homage to the region that has adopted him. "We don't import," says the 36-year-old Manila native. "It's all homegrown and later blended in Manila."

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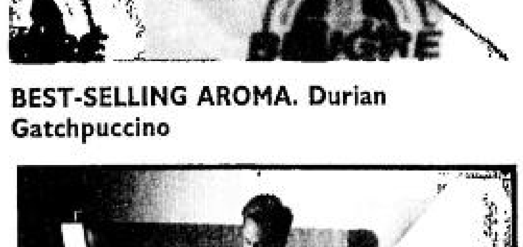
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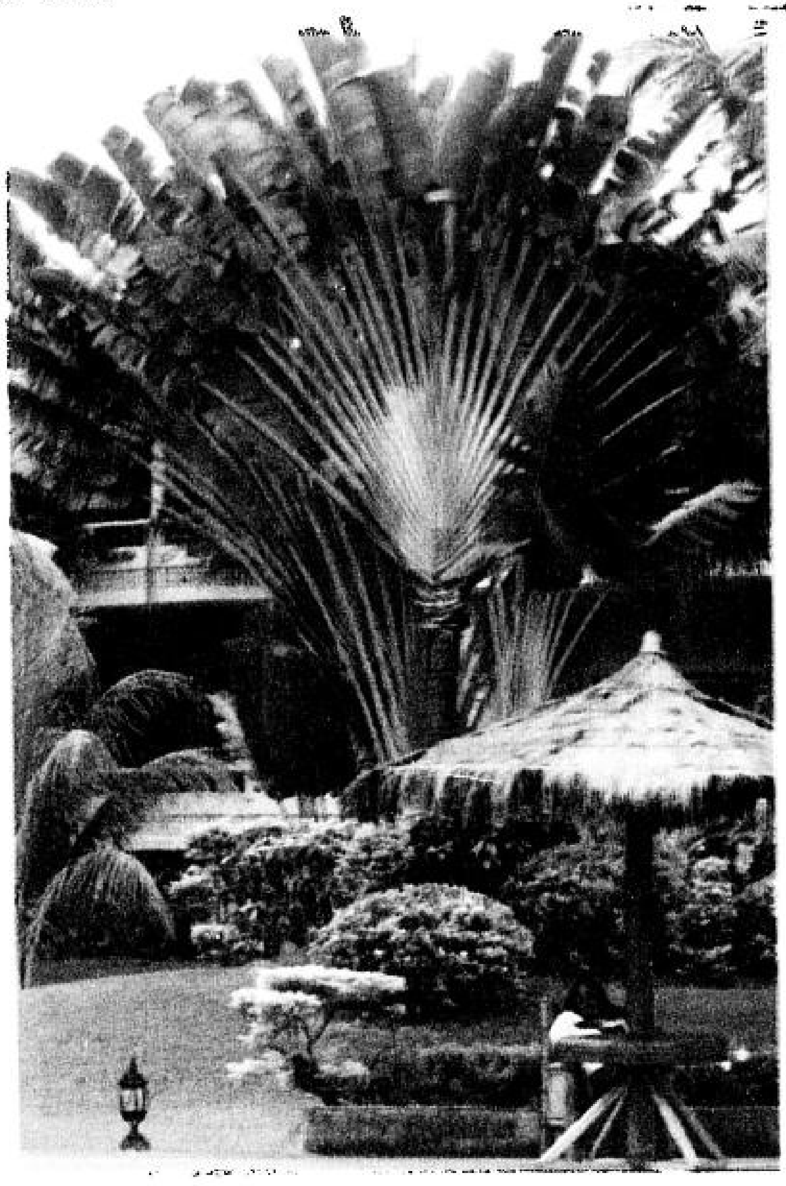
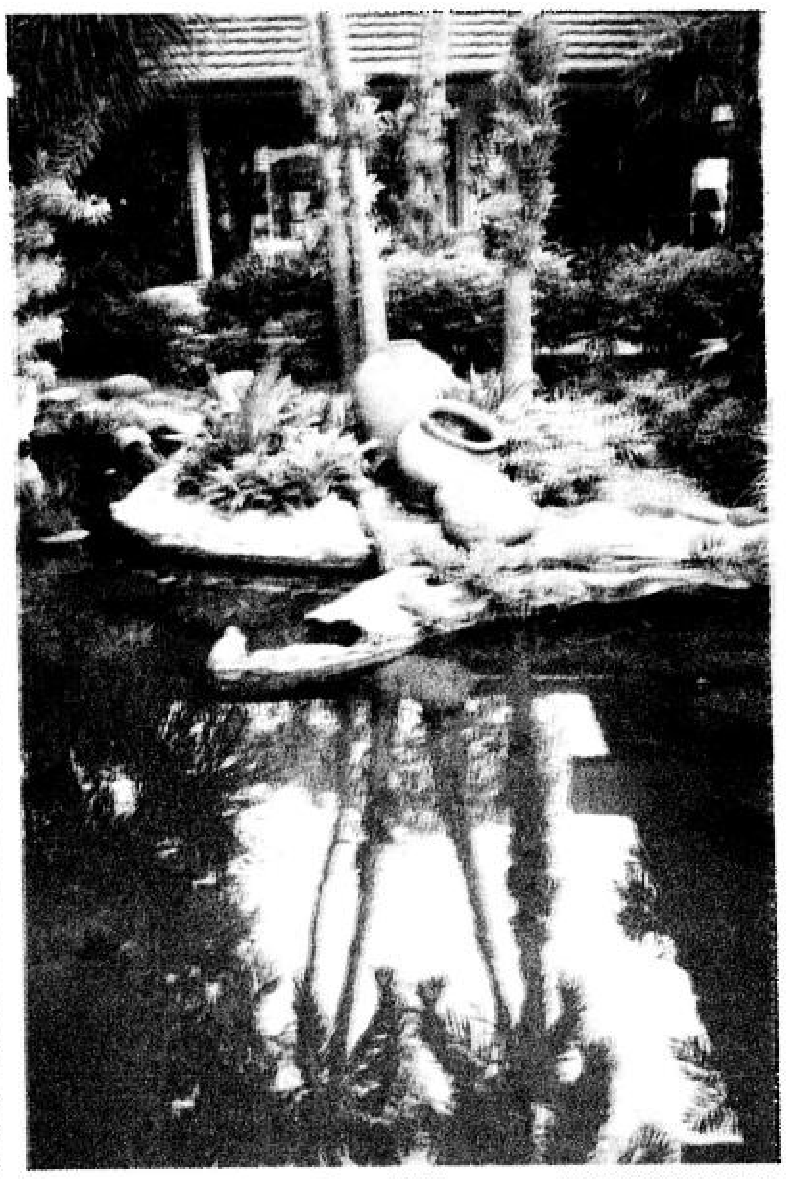


TRAVELER'S palm

GIANT staghorn fern is a native plant of Mindanao.



WATER garden in front of hotel lobby

PHOTOS BY JOAN BONDOC

Flowery memories of Davao

To many a horticulture enthusiast, Waterfront Hotel's garden is the ultimate in fine garden wisdom

By Tita V. Giron

ONE OF the things we remember about old Davao, before it became a city, was the *calesa* topiary of Insular Hotel, now Waterfront Insular Hotel. We vividly recall the wooden *calesa* attached to a horse-shaped bougainvillea. Trimmed and skillfully shaped around a wire frame, the bougainvillea topiary (plants shaped accordingly by the shaping art of pruning and trimming) was the hotel's trademark.

It was, thus, a joy to find the old *calesa* right where it stood many years ago, at the center of the lawn facing the waterfront. That was the first thing we looked for when we returned to the hotel to stay over the weekend. However, the bougainvillea horse was gone. We learned from hotel manager Hembler Mendoza that fans of entertainment celebrities devastated the gardens during a recent event at the hotel. "It is being restored," he reassured us.

There have been many pleasant changes in the sprawling garden that has made Waterfront different from other hotels in Davao. While most hotels have small, cramped gardens for lack of space, Waterfront has 8 hectares, every inch of space landscaped and evidently well maintained.

Low-maintenance landscape

"We're changing the old traditional landscape to a practical compromise between conventional and modern designs for practical maintenance," explained Ferdie Sisneros, chief engineer of the hotel and head of garden and décor department.

It required the cutting down of dozens of old coconut trees. "They had to go," he said. "They have outlived their usefulness. Moreover, they were heavily infested with *kadang-kadang*, the scourge of coconut trees." The remaining 550 coconut trees in the grove are all in their prime.

Most of the plants in the pocket gardens that connect the hotel buildings are low-maintenance varieties. There are heliconias, pandanus trees, bougainvilleas, sturdy vines, scheffleras, bamboos, ornamental grasses and palms. Stately traveler's palms stand tall in the sprawling lawn at the waterfront.

"We use a lot of carabao grass because they don't require a lot of water," Sisneros pointed out. The hardy grass is obviously tolerant of shady locations. They are planted under coconut trees and along walkways with taller shrubs.

Interesting plants

The long and winding driveway from the gate to the main hotel building is lined by blooming *kalachuchi.* At night, the numerous white flowers emit a pleasant scent that reminded us of Hawaiian leis. In the morning, the driveway is carpeted by fallen flowers, a big chore for the maintenance crew. *Kalachuchi*, by the way, is known as frangipani in Hawaii.

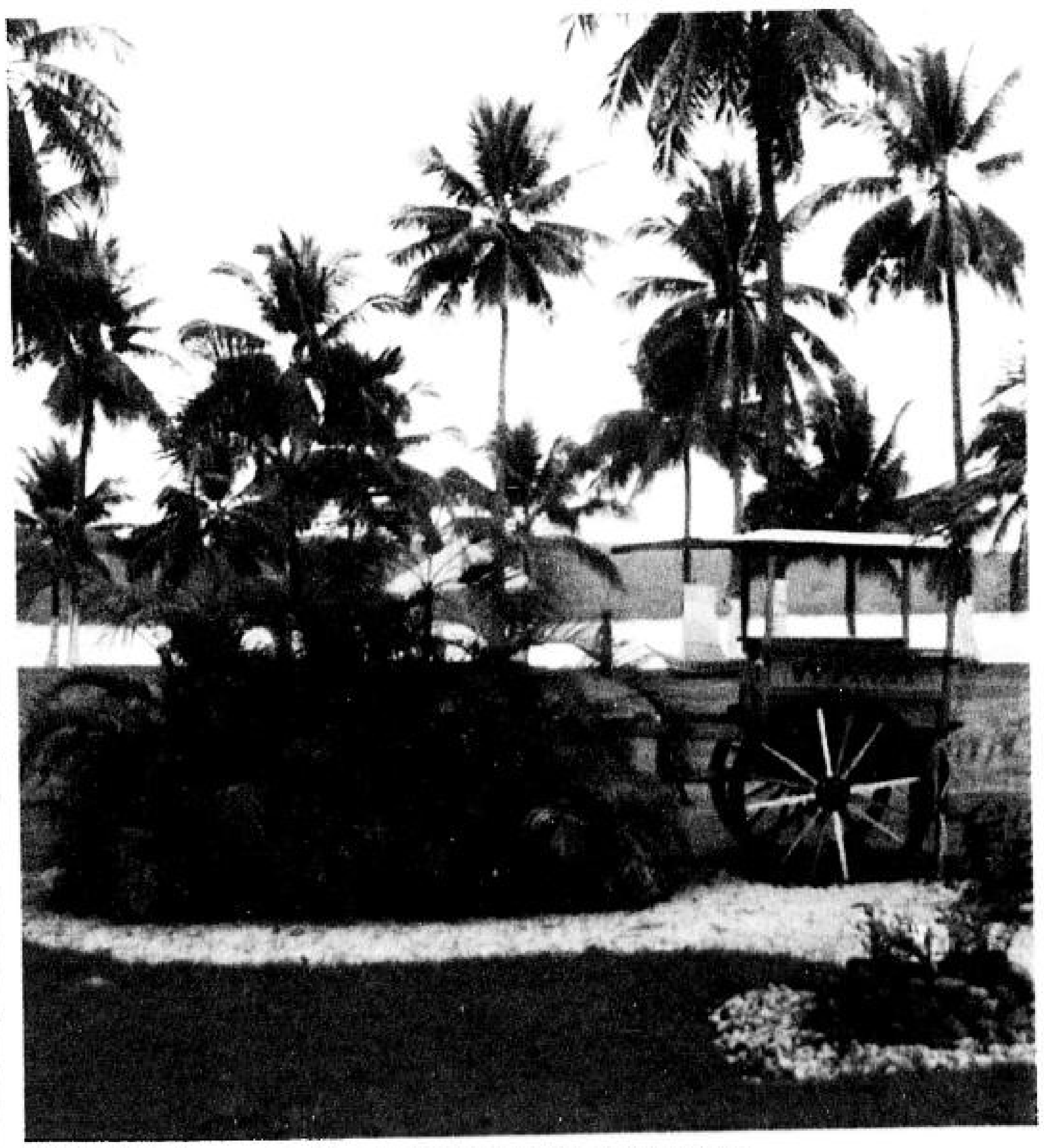
At the end of that long driveway is an elevated garden that welcomes visitors with palms and pandanus. It is a very tropical look. Close to it is the water garden at the lobby with koi fish, bromeliads on logs, and palms.

One of the most interesting plants in the inner garden is the *Platycerium grande* or the giant staghorn fern. It is said to be found only in the mountains of Mindanao and is called by local gardeners as *kapa de leon* (lion's cape). Evidently at home nestled in the branch of a tree, the giant fern has a very long leaf that resembles a cape.

Other hotel gardeners can learn a tip or two from Waterfront's garden boys. As Sisnero tipped, "The plants and trees in our garden have their own reasons for being where they are. Some are planted in specific areas to provide shade from the hot sun, or to make the place cool. Those that are located around the hotel buildings are sound and wind buffers."

And, the historic *calesa* topiary is right there where it has been standing for many years to tell the story of the hotel from the beginning. Our only hope is for Sisnero and Mendoza to restore the familiar bougainvillea horse. We do have our very own story to relate about the *calesa* topiary.

For more information on the Waterfront gardens, visit www.waterfonthotel.com



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CONTRARY to a general perception that Opus Dei is only for the rich and famous, or those in high-caliber jobs, the attendance at the High Mass marking the feast of Blessed Josémaria Escriva on June 26 belied this fact.

The Manila Cathedral was filled with devotees of Blessed Escriva, such as numeraries, supernumeraries, cooperators and students going to Opus Dei schools. (Punlaan and Maligaya train the less fortunate to excel in jobs like housekeeping in hotels or waiting in restaurants, while Dualtech trains young people for high-skilled jobs.)

Supernumerary Vicky Javellana-Echauz says: "Even the *labandera*, fisherman, taxi driver, security guard, domestic helper can be members of Opus Dei."

Blessed Escriva, who founded Opus Dei in Madrid on Oct. 2, 1928, emphasized the idea that one can be holy through one's daily work by offering one's work to God. By doing so, one becomes efficient and honest in one's job. One practices the virtues of honesty, kindness to one's neighbor, fidelity to one's partner. The values seminars enhance one's spirituality. The focus is on pleasing God.

"You will notice that my staff are clean and dignified-looking. It is because they are taught to respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit," says Vicky, who has hired Maligaya graduates to run her canteens at the Centro Escolar University.

The students went around for the collection during the Mass, which was officiated by Bishop Ramon Arguelles and concelebrated by 10 Opus Dei priests and two diocesan priests.

Bishop Arguelles said: "Father Escriva saw and proclaimed the need for the ordinary faithful to live a holy life in the midst of the world, and announce the salvation of God in their secular pursuits.

COMMODORE Jose Francisco with daughter Linda Francisco

"If anyone desires to heed the call of Christ to sanctity, the only way is to love God and to love the Church... El Padre [Blessed Escriva] is a great lover of God. El Padre is a great lover of the Church.""

A roving exhibit marking the 100th birth anniversary of Blessed Escriva is now at the Ayala Alabang Center until July 28. It will be at SM Southmall in Las Piñas on July 29-Aug. 18.

Vicky lent me past issues of the Informative Bulletin of Opus Dei. At 3:30 a.m. of July 10, I found myself going through them, and I was surprised to find that two Opus Dei numeraries have been proclaimed "servants of God" by the Church.

BLESSED Josemaria Escriva

Immediately, I prayed to Montserrat Grases, a native of Barcelona, who was born on July 10, 1941. I promised her I would write about her if she helped me with a certain problem. She did.

Montse was admitted as member of Opus Dei on Dec. 24, 1957. In June 1958, she was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma. On Nov. 11-17, she traveled to Rome to pray close to the Pope and meet the founder of Opus Dei.

On March 26, 1959, Montse died at 1:20 p.m. Immediately after her death, her reputation for holiness spread throughout the world. Miracles were attributed through her intercession. The decree proclaiming her "servant of God" was given on May 15, 1992.

The other servant of God is Isidoro Zorzano, an engineer born on Sept. 13, 1902, in Buenos Aires. He became an Opus Dei member on Aug. 24, 1930. In January 1943, Isidoro became sick with Hodgkin's disease.

He received the anointing of the sick from Father Escriva. He died on July 15, 1943, and was buried in the Almudena Cemetery in Madrid. The decree of approval on his writings was given on Oct. 11, 1948.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Six months before Oct. 6, travel agents were already booking for rooms in hotels and pensions in Rome for the thousands of pilgrims expected to attend the canonization of Blessed Escriva.

Three-hundred thousand people are expected. Several hundreds from the Philippines are going. Those who have not booked their flight may call World's Wonders at 726-6162 or fax 726-6147.

(Can someone help me go to Rome?)

St. Anthony de Padua parish needs help

I RECEIVED a letter from Fr. Julito Heraldo, parish priest of St. Anthony de Padua Church in Mercedes, Camarines Norte. He writes:

"When I was in San Vicente, Camarines Norte, you helped me acquire the image of San Antonio de Padua when we made him secondary patron of the parish. We enthroned the image on April 23, 1995. After that, the bishop transferred me to the Parish of San Antonio de Padua in Mercedes town on June 8, 1998.

"When I arrived, the church was under construction. I still need some P4 million to be

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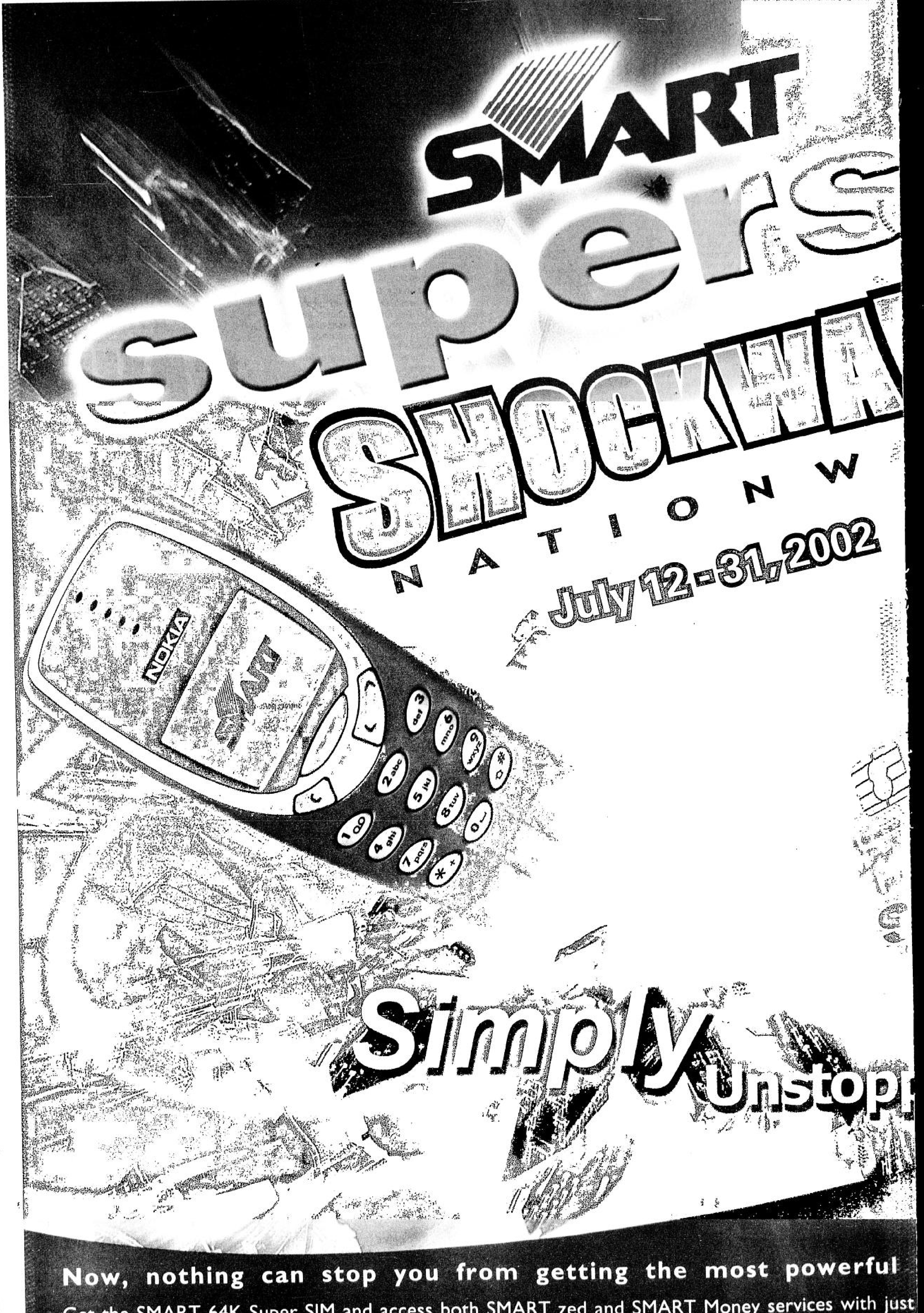

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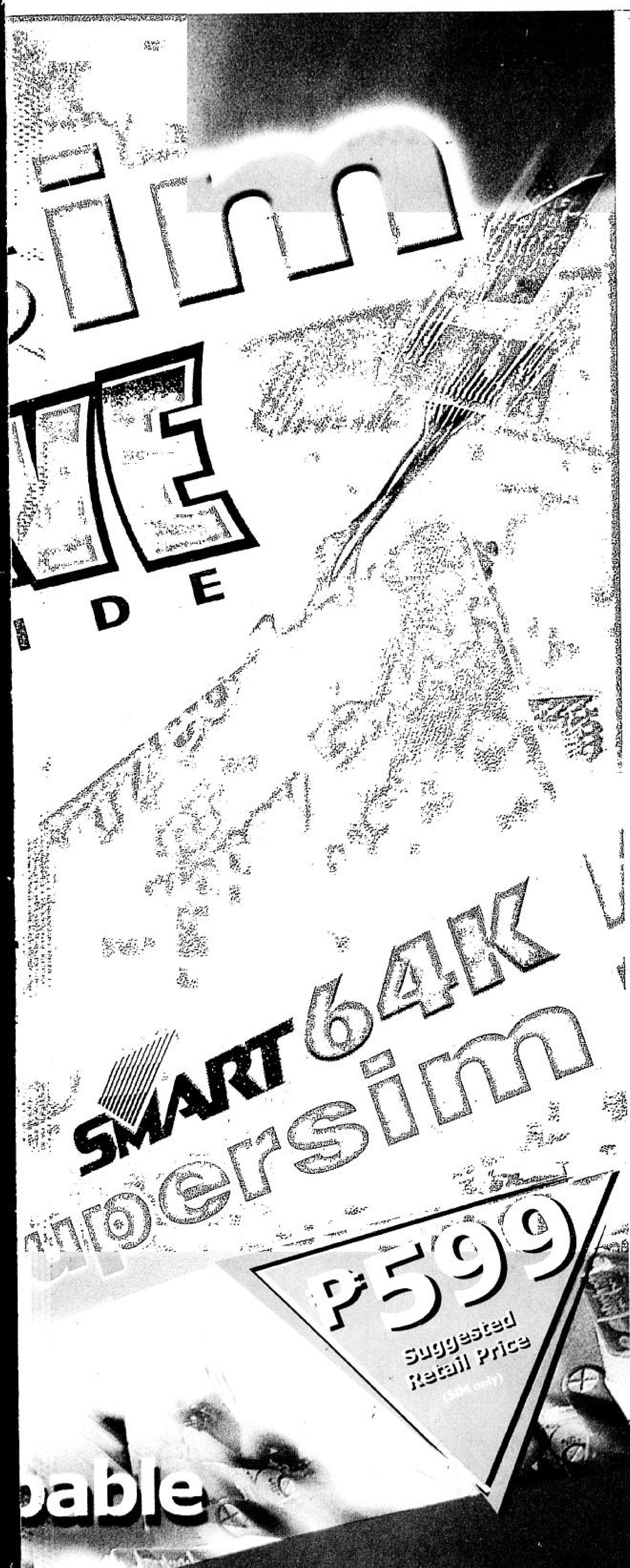

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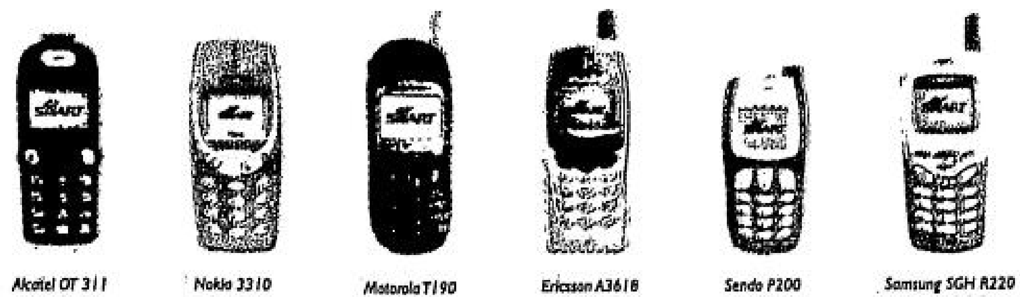

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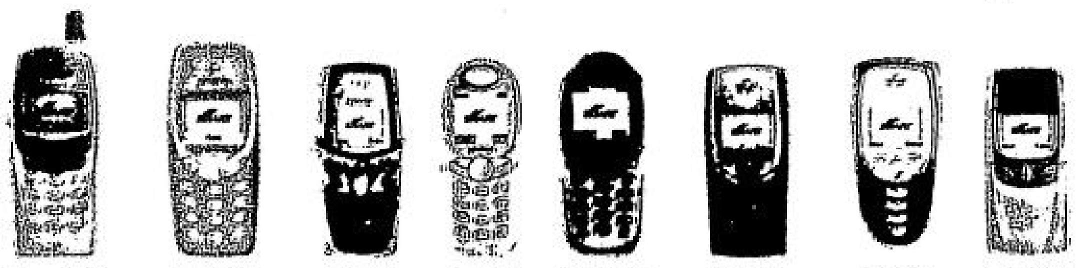

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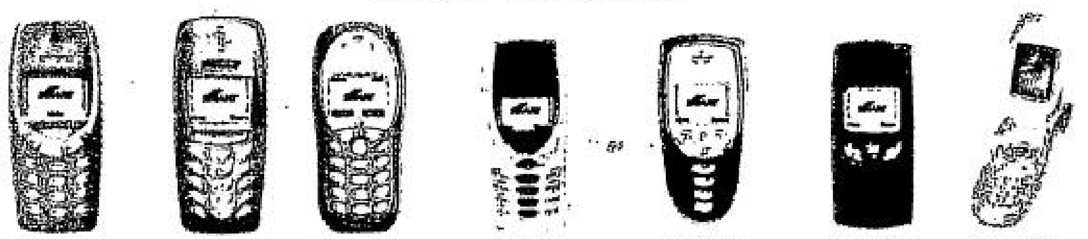

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Sated and satiated in Davao

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SWEET and Sour Lapu-Lapu

LAING with tuna wrapped in *gabi* leaves

AT YELLOW Fin, Evangeline de Leon-Angeles and Joaquin Angeles prepare opulent dishes that have quickly gained a following among food-bingeing Davaoeños. Since it opened two years ago, local officials and tourists have been making the short trip to this easygoing, multicultural joint.

Located at Quimpo Boulevard, Ecoland, Matina, Davao, Yellow Fin exalts the familiar Filipino dishes.

It opened as a *carinderia* serving only 10 dishes. Since then, Yellow Fin has expanded into a 120-seat restaurant on a 1,000-sq-m area, which includes the adjacent After Dark, a karaoke bar which the couple also owns. More than a hundred meals are served Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

You see diners scanning the menu, agonizing over whether to order the Crabs Sautéed with Chili Sauce or the Steamed Pampano.

Yellow Fin's delicious Sinigang Prawns, with prawns and vegetables bobbing, makes a satisfying meal. Its Sizzling Bagaybay (fish egg) and Sizzling Ubul-Ubul (esophagus of tuna) are a joy to savor.

The meat of Sweet and Sour Lapu-Lapu has a voluptuous richness. But it's the Laing with tuna wrapped in *gabi* leaves that can really stir one's soul to rapture.

Gathering place

To dine at Yellow Fin is to be part of Davao life. The inexpensive, casual restaurant has become a community hangout. It has the flavor of an old-fashioned fish camp dining room where friends and neighbors congregate around at big tables under spinning overhead fans to shoot the breeze or celebrate a special occasion.

The Angeleses look forward to welcoming prominent personalities, but it's not glamour they're counting on to propel their enterprise.

"People like good food," Evangeline says. "That's all there is to it. Yellow Fin's cooking is very simple. It's home cooking. We don't have to use sophisticated spices that many use these days. People love the food that their grandmothers and mothers make and that the baby boomers can't get anywhere else."

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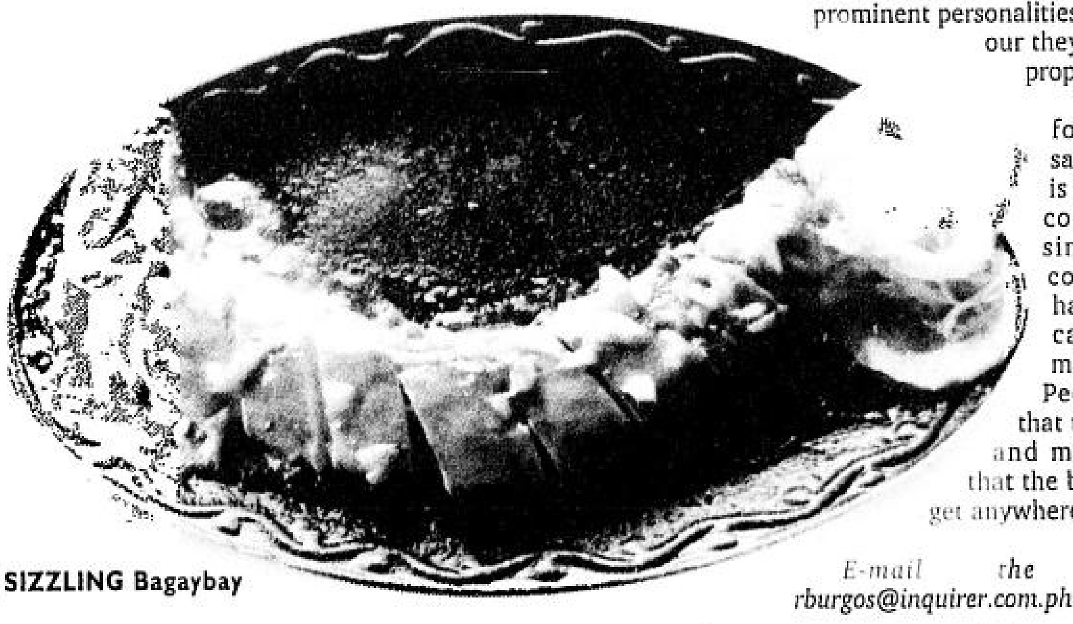
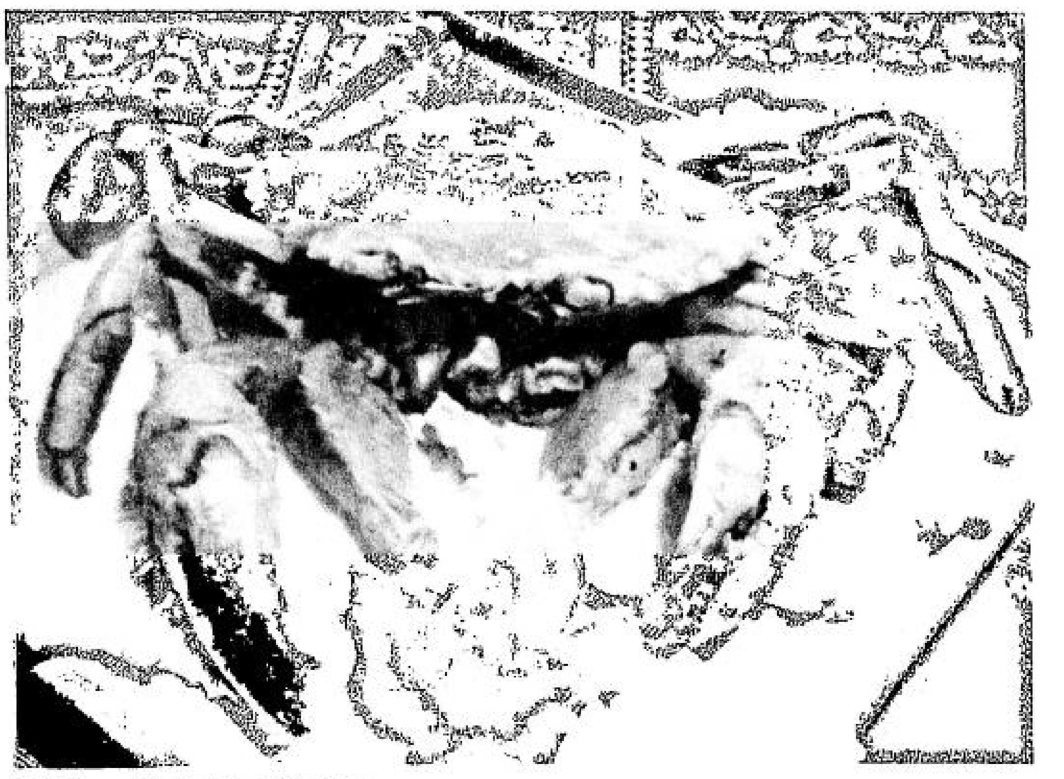
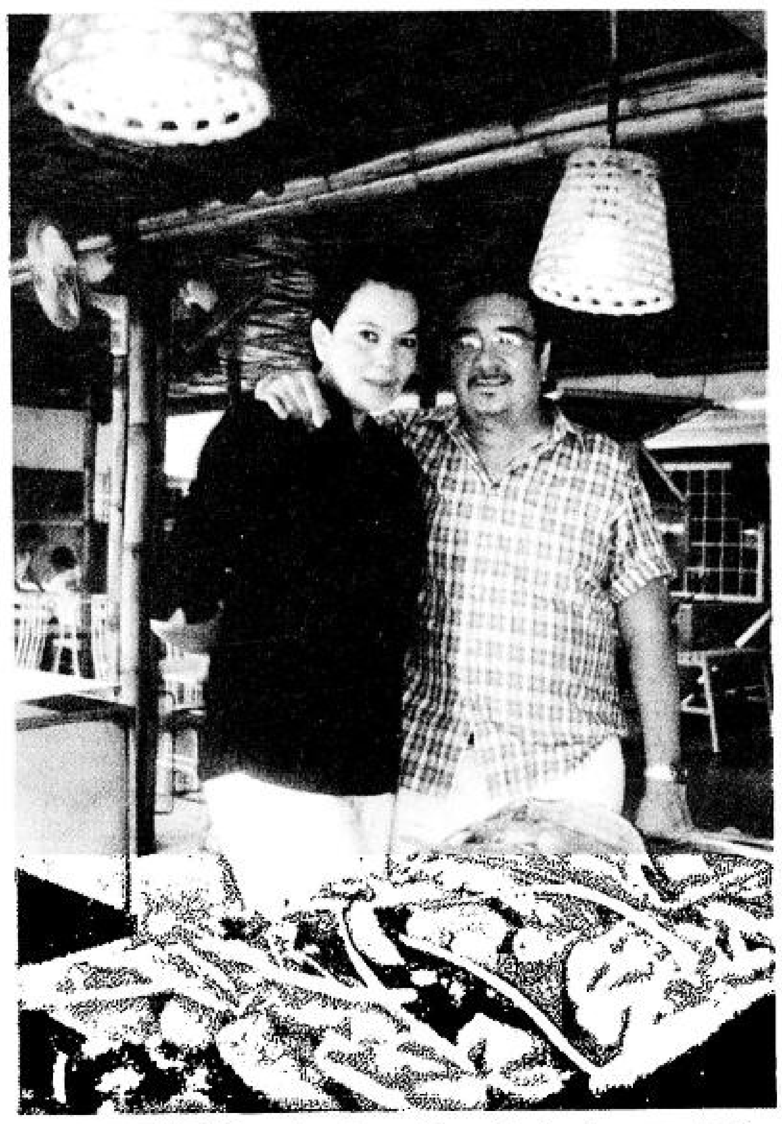


SIZZLING Bagaybay



CRAB sautéed with chili sauce



EVANGELINE de Leon-Angeles and Joaquin Angeles, owners of Yellow Fin and After Dark in Matina, Davao

Yellow Fin affords no excuse for anyone not to gorge on food in a city known for its bounty and blessings

Stop and smell the homegrown coffee

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In fact, Gatchalian says, he recently found out other coffee shops in the city have been buying the Blugré blend and passing it off as their own. "It must be really good so I can't complain," he chuckles.

Blugré's menu is so long no other coffee chain in this country can possibly claim to match it, especially at prices that are a fraction of what one pays in popular coffee shops.

Some dishes have durian in them, for how can they not when this is durian country. The Durian Gatchpuccino and Durian Cheesecake, the latter a masterpiece of the house, are bestsellers. "All pastries are made by my wife," Gatchalian says proudly.

The requisite hot and cold coffee drinks—blended, iced, even liquor-spiked—are "all our own concoctions and innovations." There's also the shake line, teas, sundaes, fruit drinks, wine and, of course, coffee cocktails. Top choice is the Blugré Larceppucino with Kahlua that comes in a really tall custom made container that's for the customer to keep. Hot-meal choices run the gamut of pasta, [illegible] and sandwiches to pica-picas. They even have non-coffee drinks and a kiddie platter. Souvenir items like tees, mugs, bags are also available.

"The key to setting Blugré apart is branding," explains Gatchalian of the products' witty names—Larceppucino (named after his wife), Gatchpuccino, Cinnablu, Mokahlua, Kahpuccino. "Gré is actually French for pleasure, which is what my old PR firm was called," he says. "We added the 'Blu' when we started the clothing line." It is then no accident that he came up with the name Gatchi & Gatchi for his PR and advertising firm.

Franchise offers

Despite Blugré's success in Davao, Gatchalian says he has not given serious thought to the incessant offers to franchise his coffee chain.

"Why be a small fish in a big ocean when you can be a big fish in a small ocean?" he says. "The bottom line for some investors is profit. We have no guarantee that they'll maintain the quality and the name that took us so hard to build."

He's neither perturbed by the prospect of Starbucks entering the Davao market. "It won't be a threat but a challenge for us to do better," he says confidently.

Besides, he's also got his hands full with Blugré's lower-end coffee shop, Kape't Pandesal, which offers *kapeng barako* and *pan de sal* fare, and already has two branches.

For now, the former Procter & Gamble exec is content with building his small empire in this laid-back city he now calls home.

"Here I can drive my daughter to school and pick her up, have lunch at home with my wife and check on our newborn son, and still have time left to meet with clients. These are luxuries I could never do back in Manila." This from the same man who had misgivings when Procter & Gamble assigned him to Mindanao in the early '90s.

Perhaps it is imperative that he stays put in this turf and keep his ideas and coffees brewing so people may know that in Davao, there's an aroma that can't possibly bother anybody.

LATE-NIGHT cuppa

TOP PICKS. Blugré Blend, Larcepuccino with Kahlua and Coffee Roasted Peanuts

The focus is on pleasing God

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able to finish the church. But my concern now is the original antique image of San Antonio Padua, of which a great part has been eaten by termites and *bokbok* because, when it was repaired in 1988, the local sculptor put a wooden stopper made of *talisay*. We discovered this before the fiesta of San Antonio.

"I sent the image to Paete, Laguna, for the much needed restoration and *reincarna* of the image. It will cost some P6,500 for the restoration and some P17,000 for the exact replica.

"When the image returns, we will no longer expose it to the elements, therefore we need a replica for the people to touch and kiss for their devotion. In this case, may I ask your help in calling devotees of St. Anthony and natives of Mercedes to send us monetary help for this endeavor?

"The Parish of San Antonio in Mercedes is a pilgrim site. Every Tuesday, people from far and near come to visit that antique and miraculous image. That is why we need very badly to have the image restored. I hope through your column, many devotees will help us."

Please, write to Fr. Julito Heraldo of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, Mercedes, Camarines Norte; or beep me at 141-020543.

Happy birthday, Commodore Francisco

COMMODORE José Samosa Francisco, formerly of the Philippine Navy, will turn 93 on July 27.

A graduate of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1931, Francisco served under four presidents: Elpidio Quirino, Carlos P. Garcia, Ramon Magsaysay and Diosdado Macapagal. Also a pilot, he was known to have taught General Eisenhower how to fly.

Commodore Francisco is the father of José Jr. (deceased), Rene, Monina Bermejo and Rosalinda Francisco who runs Piandré salons. His wife was Pacita Zamora (deceased).

Happy birthday, Commodre Francisco! May your tribe increase!

Franciscan seminary turns 40

OUR Lady of the Angels Seminary (OLAS), the major seminary of the Franciscans (OFMs) in the Philippines, is celebrating its 40th founding anniversary on Aug. 2. The OLAS is in Barrio Bagbag, Novaliches, QC.

While the Franciscan missionaries in the Philippines have been in the country since 1578, it was only on Aug. 2, 1962, when it opened its major seminary to a group of Franciscans from the American, Italian and Spanish provinces.

The seminary is named after Our Lady of the Angels since St. Francis of Assisi, the founder, loved a little place called Porciuncula, where a chapel was built in honor of the Virgin Mary. This chapel was visited by angels and hence, the name of the seminary.

The general minister of the Franciscan Order, Fr. Aloysius Ma. Contreras, had nine priests and one layman in the faculty during the founding year. They were: Fr. Neal Kaminski, superior; Fr. Apolinar Pastrana, vicar; Fr. Carmelo Paludetti; Fr. Bruce Muhoy; Fr. Mel Brady, prefect of studies; Fr. Canute Rockestein, master of clerics; and Fr. Bruce Malina, procurator. Fr. Eloy Lopez came all the way from V.O.T. Sampaloc, Manila, to teach Gregorian chant and music.

On Feb. 12, 1963, the general minister of the Franciscans, Fr. Augustine Sepinski, came to bless the seminary. Then, on Jan. 6, 1964, Rufino Cardinal Santos of the Archdiocese of Manila on Dec. 8 blessed the construction of the second wing.

OLAS has produced many talented friars like Fr. Antonio Ma. Rosales, Fr. Andres Rañoa, Fr. Gene Pastidio, Fr. Cielo Almazan, Fr. Romeo Floralde, Fr. Calvin Bugho and Fr. Chris Tibong. Also, OLAS has cultivated the talents of famous church personalities like Fr. Archie Guiriba, Fr. Anton Pascual and Fr. Eric Santos. Father Rañoa and Fr. Baltazar Obico take turns in celebrating Sunday TV Masses.

Some of OLAS' outstanding alumni include: Fr. Benny Balsas, provincial administrator and founder of KBU, refounding movement in the Order; Fr. Prisco Cajes, doctorate in systematic theology, California; Fr. Pedro Ruano, present provincial of St. Gregory the Great, Spain; Fr. Oscar Ante, doctorate in missiology, Holland, program director of Inter Congregational Theological Center; Fr. Gene Pastidio, composer and director of many stage plays; Fr. Antonio Rosales, doctorate in moral theology, Rome; Fr. Archie Guiriba, founder of Shalom International, Franciscan Brothers and Sisters of the Holy Spirit; Fr.Chito Andres Rañoa, composer of many Franciscan songs which have become classic; Fr. Cielo Almazan, present guardian of OLAS; and Fr. Arturo Daquilanea, present provincial of the Franciscan province in the Philippines.

For the Aug. 2 celebration, all alumni and friends of OLAS are invited to come. A whole day of activities, with the theme "Pasasalamat at Panalangin," shall mark the 40th anniversary.

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RODRIGO DUTERTE

Come on, make his day

PLAYTIME

By the staff

MAYOR Rodrigo Duterte is a man who delivers on what he promises. He told Davaoeños he was going to bring back peace and order and he did. And how! His critics say he employs underhanded tactics to deliver on his promise, but Duterte says he's willing to do everything for the city—even die if need be.

Mayor Duterte began serving Davao in the late '70s as special counsel to the city government and then as assistant city fiscal. He ran for mayor in 1987. He was returned to office twice until term limits forced him to run for Congress. Last year, he ran again for the Davao mayoralty, claiming he wanted not just to restore stability and peace, but also to enhance the business climate—the Duterte way.

The city's 1.3 million residents voted him back to office. On his watch, Davao has been transformed from the murder capital of the Philippines to one of the most peaceful cities in Southeast Asia, making it the third top tourist destination in the Philippines.

A law graduate of San Beda College, Duterte made his reputation by targeting both military and communist rebel abuses with passion and enthusiasm. The son of a teacher and a former provincial governor, he learned from his parents that government officials should "serve the greater good no matter what it takes."

At 57, Duterte remains Davao's swaggering Wild, Wild West sheriff, going after drug addicts and crime syndicates. Recently appointed by President Macapagal-Arroyo as an anti-crime consultant, he warned criminals and rebels that they "do not have a monopoly on evil." Human rights advocates and other critics say he owns part of the monopoly, but Duterte has not budged and continues to taunt the lawless elements: "Make my day". And that's why the Dirty Harry of Davao tag has stuck.

What is being done to bring back the tourists to Davao?

First of all we have to be sure that the place is stable. Foremost is really the safety. *Dito sa* Mindanao violence is really an illusion because there's violence only in some areas and there are cities and places that are relatively peaceful.

But doesn't the violence elsewhere affect Davao?

Well, in the sense that it only takes one or two grenades and that's it. There's an advisory from the Unites States warning its residents not to venture here. Whatever bulletin is intended for the Americans seems to apply to everybody. But we have been able to maintain law and order here.

There's more to this than meets the eye. You have the revolution and you have the criminality. I do not fight with revolutionaries because I have the highest respect for men who fight for their principles in life—except that they're fighting an armed struggle. *Sana* they just operate within the system of democracy. *Eto namang* MILF, it's a very long story, but it's historical injustice also committed against the natives, the Muslims.

Ako talaga my concern is law and order. Maybe because of my orientation, because I grew up in this place. *Ganito kasi iyan*. Do you have time? (Laughter)

Go ahead.

This is Visayas—Cebu, Bohol, Leyte, Samar. Funny but it's really true what the Muslims have been mouthing. *Nung dumating itong si* Magellan, *dala-dala niya ang* cross, Christianity, which is good. Religion provides us our mooring in life. *Hindi masyadong gobyerno.*

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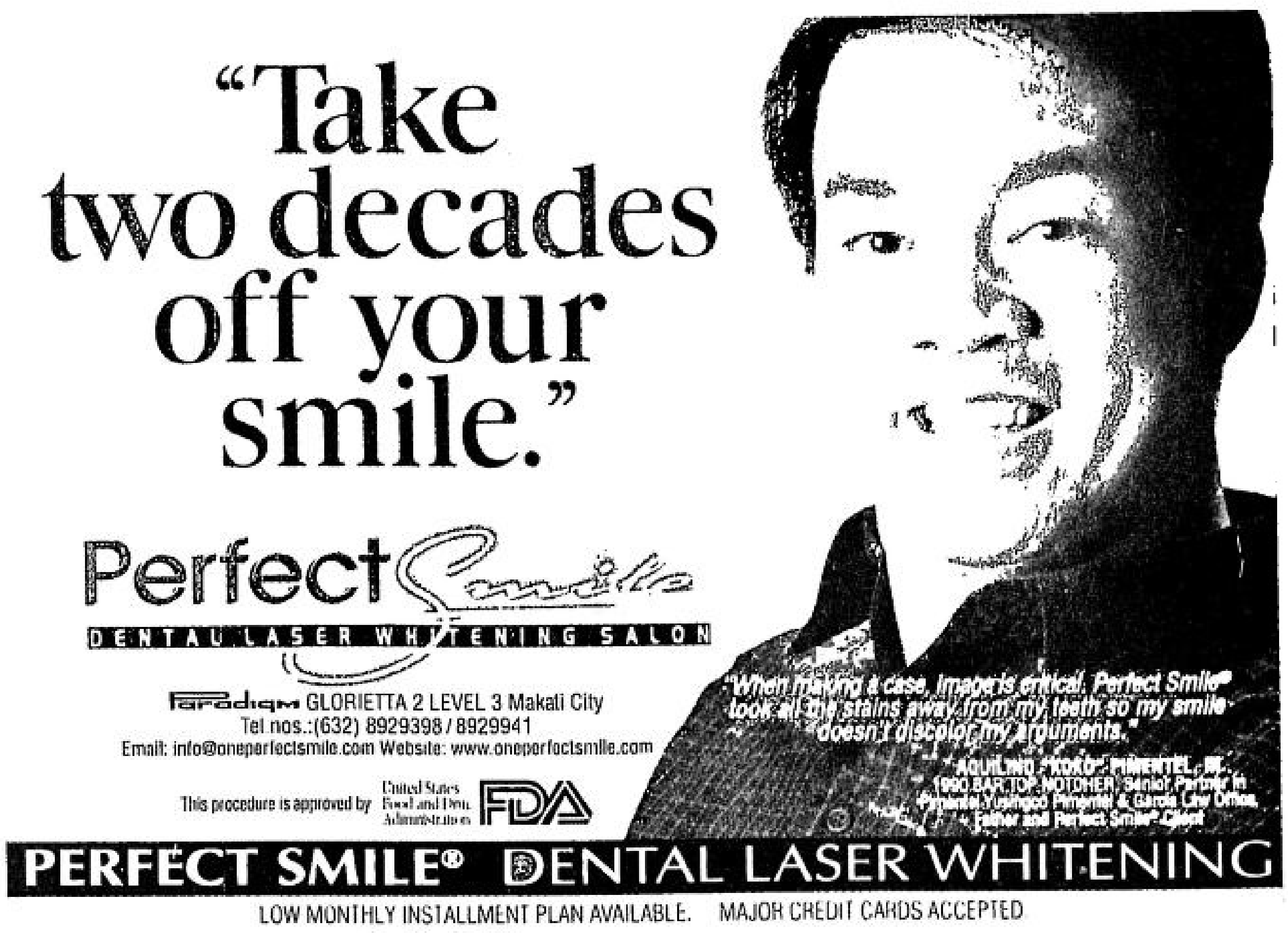

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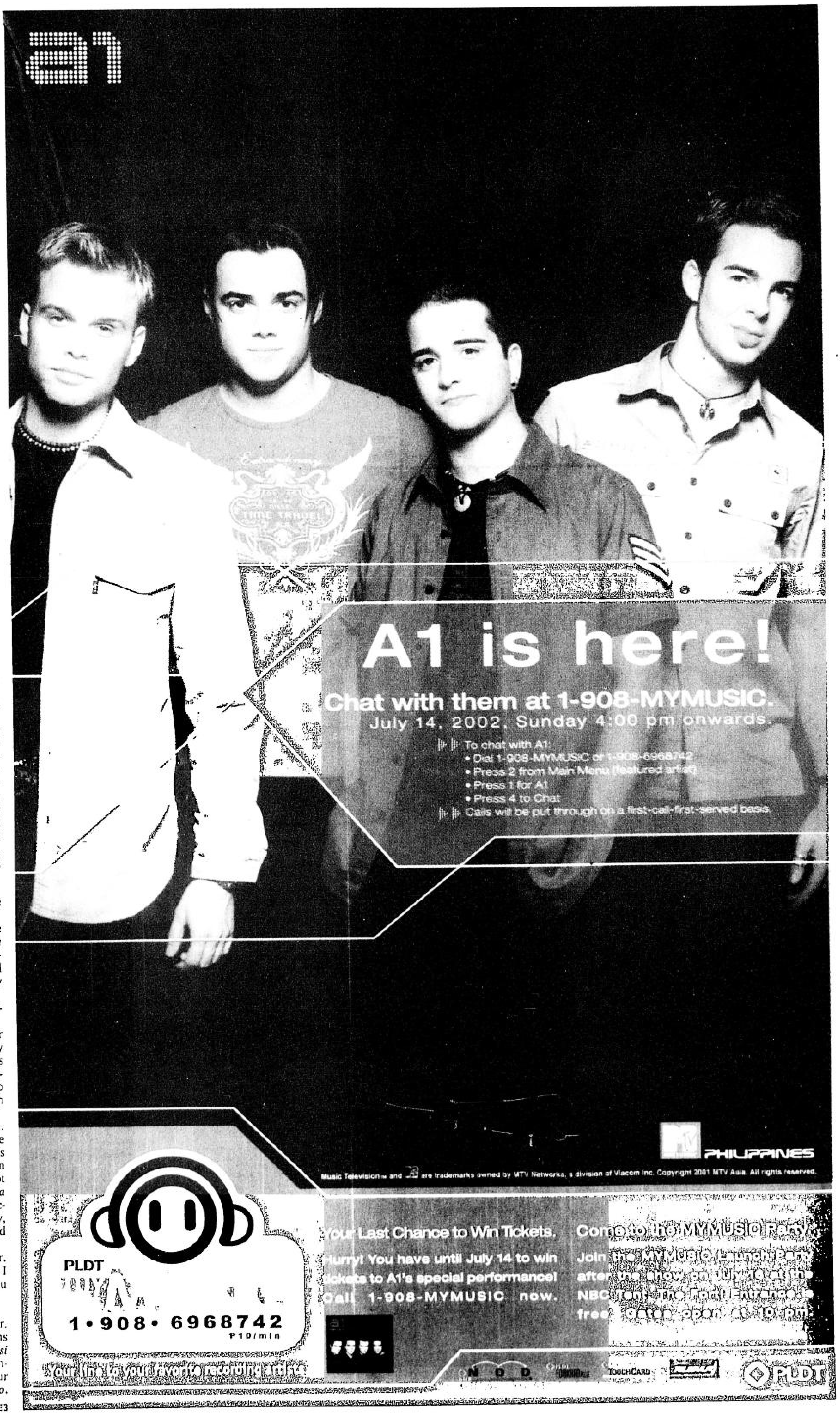

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Likha at Kalinga

(FROM left) Virgel Aronico of Tahanang Walang Hagdanan TWH), Evangeline Reyes with Jao Mapa; Roselle Nava painting with Joel Cruz of TWH; Camille Pratts signing the 'Pledge of Support' of Likha at Kalinga.

'Likha at Kalinga' benefits handicapped artists

ANTOINETTE Taus serenading TWH's Nelson Luayna

TAKING a different route in launching its new logo, Lucky Me! opted to share its success with less fortunate people and extend some help in the process.

On June 29, the people behind Lucky Me! held a fund-raising project dubbed "Likha at Kalinga" at SM Megamall A Activity Center in Mandaluyong City. Showcasing the works of artists from Tahanang Walang Hagdanan, "Likha at Kalinga" is also their way of thanking the consumers for their continued patronage.

The new logo, which signifies warmth and care among people, is also evident in the scenes featured in the new Lucky Me! television commercial. *"Init ng pag-aalaga. Init ng yakap. Init ng lambingan. Init ng sarap na nalalasap at madarama sa bagong mukha ng* Lucky Me!" are just few of the lines which attest to its commitment in showing that it sincerely cares.

Checking out the new brand logo, the oblong shape represents a warm embrace which symbolizes Lucky Me!'s love for its supporters. The waft illustrates an emblem of the warmth and sincerity and of Lucky Me!'s dedication in giving excellent products to the public.

The launch also served as a venue for the Tahanang Walang Hagdanan artists to hold an interactive painting with invited movie and TV personalities. A total of 20 paintings were on exhibit; several pieces were already sold just a few hours during the one-day event. Lucky Me! especially chose Tahanang Walang Hagdanan as its recipient of the fund-raising project, for it believes in its mission in giving employment to physically challenged but gifted and talented people. Wheeling their way around the Megatrade Hall, the artists inspire the onlookers with their excellent paintings and powerful imagination. The awe and admiration cannot be denied when someone takes a glimpse of the paintings.

The launch was a star-studded affair with celebrities like Dominic Ochoa, Toni Rose Gayda, Roselle Nava, Antoinette Taus, Paolo Contis, Anne Curtis, Camille Pratts, Barbie Almalbis of Barbie's Cradle and Binibining Pilipinas Universe 2002 Karen Agustin, and child stars Goyong and Dindin Llarena gracing the show.

Among the Tahanang Walang Hagdanan artists chosen to exhibit their works were: Marcos Rabasto, Roy Llenares, Evangeline Reyes, Romeo Tarine, Nelson Luayon, Virgel Aronico, Bernard dela Cruz, Elesio Sayud, Malu Panopio Daniega, Joel Cruz, and Samuel Nacar.

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(FROM left) Lucky Me!'s Production Manager Cesar Geronimo, Marketing Director Rizza Cajucom-Uy and TWH's VP/CEO Jesus Docot looking at the paintings of artists from TWH

LIKHA at Kalinga's Painting Exhibit

LIKHA at Kalinga's Variety Show on stage – Dominic Ochoa and Toni Rose Gayda

(FROM top) Samuel Nacar of Tahanang Walang Hagdanan with Paolo Contis; Painting are Nelson Luayna from TWH, guest celebrities Antoinette Taus and Bb. Pilipinas Karen Loren Agustin; Romeo Tarine of TWH was awarded the 'Likha at Kalinga People's Choice' and 'Likha at Kalinga Gintong Gantimpala' award by Lucky Me!'s VP sales and marketing Ruffy Tiam-Lee and president of Basic Advertising Tere Filipinia; Antoinette Taus receiving the Certificate of Participation with Gift Pack from Lucky Me!'s VP sales and marketing Ruffy Tiam Lee and marketing director Rizza Cajucom-Uy (right); 'Likha at Kalinga Variety Show hosts Dominic Ochoa and Toni Rose Gayda with Lucky Me! brand manager Tony Isidro and brand assistant Cha Morados

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The problem is and *idiotong ito dumating sa Pilipinas nagdala ng relihiyon pero nagdala din ng gobyerno.* (Laughter) So they covered us for 300 years and enjoyed the unspoiled and women and everything. They conquered the islands. They made their route to Mindanao but they were not successful because at the time, when Magellan planted the cross, the missionaries from the Middle East were already traveling from the Middle East to Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, down to Indonesia, then to Malaysia, and they had entered Mindanao *diyan sa* Zamboanga. That was why the Spaniards built Fort Pilar. *Kaya maraming mestizo dun nang binuhos yung mga guwardya sibil* to stop Islam.

But you know, *itong* Islam, *ganito iyan, eh. Dito sa* Sulu *ang mga* Tausug, Samal, Yakkan *sa* Basilan. *Dito naman sa* Lanao, Maranao, Maguindanao; the natives of Davao *yung* Muslim or the Calagan. Then you have the Aeta, the Bagobo, *yun yung mga* islanders. The Spaniards couldn't conquer them *kasi lumalaban talaga.* It was easy for them to capture island by island because there was no central government, chieftains lang, and the Spaniards had the muskets and cannons. But they couldn't conquer Mindanao and the the reason was there was a rallying point. Anong rallying point? Islam.

So came the Americans because of the Spanish-American War. Okay, we were ceded to them by the Treaty of Paris. *Itong mga Amerikano* for 50 years *sinakyan tayo* and they enjoyed the riches of our country. But they were never really successful in controlling Mindanao because there were pockets of rebellion. Sometime in 1920s, they came up with an idea. They opened Mindanao. *Sabi nila, pare, dun sa* Mindanao *maraming lupa. O gusto mo ilang ektarya?* (Laughter) So *bigay sila ng bigay sa mga Kristyanos. Wala pa namang* "TV Patrol" *noon eh.* (Laughter) *Yung mga* Muslims *na*-displace. *Kasi nandito na sila* historically and, one day, *may mga titulado na. Tingnan mo yung* Bolton Street *dito, sino yung* Bolton *na 'yan?* You know, my wife is a Zimmerman. She's half-American. *Sundalo yung lolo niya. Ganon. Yun ang nangyari dito.*

So is that the historical injustice?

Yes, one day they introduced the Torrens system, the cadastral survey, system *sa titulo* like in the rest of the country. *Paano na 'yung mga tao dito?* Just like the Indians. *Dumating itong mga imperyalista* and they think they are somebody...

The Muslims look at this government, the civil government, as an extension of the original, from the Spaniards to the Americans to the Christians. If you reduce it to the lowest terms, in arithmetic, that is what it is all about. You displaced them.

My father is from Cebu. In the '20s, *sabi nitong mga Amerikano,* if we cannot defeat the Muslims, we might as well inundate them with Christians. (Laughter) *Kami naman, ang tatay ko* went to Mindanao because it was the Land of Promise. There was, in fact, no promise here (laughter), and there was no land at all. You know, my father—*ako hindi ako nagyayabang*—my father was governor from 1957-67. *Walang lupa ang tatay ko* and yet he was governor. *Mayor ako. Wala akong lupa dito na makita mo, walang* hacienda-hacienda.

That's the story here in Mindanao. *Tingnan mo naman, tama nga naman sila* [Muslims]. *Sila nga nauna dito pero lahat ng lupa dito puro sa Kristyano, yung malalaki puro sa Intsik.* The native Calagans, the native Muslims, where are they now? *Pagdating ng* monsoon, *bagsak silang lahat.*

Even *sa pangalan*—no self-respecting Muslim would ever allow himself to be called Filipino. Do you know why? *Kaya dapat lang pinutulan ni* Lapu-Lapu *ng ulo si* Magellan. (Laughter) *Anong ginawa? Sabi niya* [Magellan] we plant the Cross and I'll ask for the blessing. *Tapos sinabi niya,* "I claim this island in the name of the King of Spain." *Siya yung pagador, yung gumastos sa* expedition *niya.* So how can now the Muslim allow himself to be called a Filipino who is a subject of a Christian king? Filipino. Philip- [illegible] *Maski sa pangal*[illegible] *na. Ayaw nila* [illegible]

Di talaga papayag yung mga Muslim. *Tanong mo, ano ka?* Muslim. *Ang* Muslim *naman kasi, yung* religion *na* Islam, *nandiyan na lahat.* You do not need any civil government because the Koran governs everything—my relationship to my wife, my mistress, my father, my mother, my son, *nandiyan sa* Koran. That is why a native of Davao City who is a Muslim is a Muslim in Sabah, is a Muslim in Indonesia, is a Muslim in Malaysia.

Everywhere...

You do not need any passport. You are a Muslim anywhere you stand. All you need is *yung* datu *mo dito bigyan ka ng* Arabic serial number and that's your identity.

And then they were promised land again but now where's the land?

They're crying out for recognition and dignity. Maybe they overdid some aspects of the revolution. *Ang akin naman dito kaya wala kami masyadong* bombing, *wala kaming away dito kasi* I go and seek them out to dialogue. *Pumupunta talaga ako sa bukid, nakikiusap ako kay* Nur (Misuari) *na huwag na sana, nakikiusap ako dito sa mga* Muslim. You know, you're fighting a war and if you finally win, overcome all obstacles, *sabi ko,* come to Davao and I'll hand you the city, *huwag na lang tayo mag-away.*

Pero itong kidnapping, *itong* criminality, *talagang* no quarter given. Now I have been accused of so many things, maybe they're true, maybe they're not true. It depends... (Laughter)

What about vigilantism?

The question is, is it abetted by government? Is it initiated by government? Are the killings sponsored by government? Definitely not. *Maski na ano'ng sabihin mo* there's still a lot of decent people here in government. But the vigilantes came about not really against criminals in the first place, but against the Sparrows (communist death squad).

Am I directly involved in the killings? I am not. Because it would be incongruous for me to be when I came here to take the oath of office and promised to defend the Constitution and in the Constitution is the Bill of Rights guaranteeing the trial, due process, presumption. I am a lawyer, I'm supposed to stick by the rules, the Constitution and our laws. As I have stressed to everybody, you cannot solve the problems by just killing people...

Before I became a mayor, right after Edsa, I was appointed OIC vice mayor, but before that I was for 11 years a prosecutor in the city. From 1976 until '87 *tumakbo ako* against the OIC mayor. It was really terrible. *Mga komunista ina*-assassinate *mga pulis. Yung mga militar sina*-salvage. The criminals were having their heyday. Nobody was in control. So I said, if I became mayor I'd restore law and order in the city. And I intend to keep my promise. I said to the revolutionaries I would find time to talk with them. But to the criminals...

Magtago na kayo... (Laughter)

You can ask any Davaoeño, almost *araw-araw may* kidnapping *noon.* So I laid down the rule that if you are a kidnapper, a drug pusher, a drug lord, a professional hold-upper, you put your life on the line. *Pag magkita tayo sa isang lugar,* that's it. *Ganoon talaga, walang magawa.*

Is that your solution?

Yes, because I warned everybody that there's only one actor here. (Laughter) Di *puro* actors... military *puro* actors, sa kabila puro actors. *Isa lang ang* actor. *Isa lang ang guwapo.* Not because I'm handsome... (Laughter) That's a figure of speech.

So are you saying that the end justifies the means?

No, but if you're a hold-upper or kidnapper, *pag nagkita tayo,* I'll give you no quarter.

But you're a lawyer...

Yes, but that's different because when I'm a lawyer, I'm supposed to defend or prosecute. The rules change when you become the chief enforcer of the city. *Iba ang* dimensions *dito.* Because as a prosecutor, I do not hold a gun, my heart does not bleed and my basic worry is that the criminals get away with crime and maybe I am kind of outraged. But it's different if you're the mayor and you see *ang tao kini*-kidnap, *lahat ng tao* [illegible] the oppres- [illegible] *ment, dun na* [illegible] seemed to be following the law.

> 'We are lucky because, as a matter of fact, the Japanese embassy has lifted the advisory . . . *kami lang sa* Mindanao ang delisted. I'm happy that the Japanese embassy has delisted Davao from the no-no places'

Are you frustrated about the state of tourism here?

Well, it is certain that we are lucky because as a matter of fact, the Japanese embassy has lifted the advisory... *kami lang sa* Mindanao ang delisted. I'm happy that the Japanese embassy has delisted Davao from the no-no places. And rightly so because this would be the 100th year of Japanese presence here in Davao.

They have a community here, right?

Oo, malaki.

Do you have second- or third-generation Japanese?

Third generation... *marami na dito.* They were here before the war. *Dito yung mga* Japanese-descended Filipinos, about *mga* 300. All workers. They perfected the abaca before the war. *Malambot ang Hapon sa mga Davaoeño. Maski sa mga* visa-visa, *pagka*-Davao. *Andiyan pa pati mga ospital nila.* We've preserved them. *Di kami masyadong mainit dito sa Hapon kasi maraming Davaoeño na Hapon tsaka Intsik.* My grandfather was Chinese, *eh. Marami nang* mixtures *dito.*

So the Japanese suffered because of the occupation? As far as the Filipinos, they were suspects... they could have been the collaborators or something just like in the United States.

Hindi ganun dito,. because *dito* they were the moderating factor. *Kasi may nga mga anak sila dito* at that time. They came here 1903... *kaya nga marami na dito na tumanda* when the Japanese came; they provided the moderating factor. *Wala masyadong* atrocities dito.

But they are not Filipinos...

They're Filipinos.

So they carry Filipino passports.

Yes. The bulk of the Japanese-assisted projects in the Philippines are here. *Wala pa namang* Japanese *dito na kinidnap.* (Laughter) *Dun sa labas.*

So even though Davao is touted as the safest place in the whole of Southeast Asia that hasn't boosted tourism in Davao?

That's because when you talk of Mindanao there's always that thought that maybe trouble would spill over. For those who

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are really educated in governance... okay *lang*. I'm sure that you have been to the United States. You go to Washington, you make a wrong turn doon, *di ka na makalabas*. You go to South Central in L.A., *delikado*. New York *pagbaba ka sa* Harlem, *magkamali ka doon sa*... but *dito*, I can assure you, you can walk the streets at night. I guarantee you.

People can sleep with their doors open... You patrol the streets *di ba*? It was in the Time article.

He (Time reporter) said, "How can you prove to me that Davao City is peaceful?" I said, well, okay. *Kumain kami ng* durian. I sent [away] my security men... *di ko naman talaga kailangan ng* security. I have mentioned earlier that my guiding philosophy is that if it's your time, it's your time, whether you have 100 security men. *Ako nagmo*-motor *ako mag-isa. Hindi yun pang-hambog para sabihin na matapang ako.* Whether you're brave or not, you can die anytime. I cannot forever, you know, have myself sheltered.

How can I help? How can I govern and help my constituency in the mountain? *Paano na yung mga* blighted areas *diyan*? How am I supposed to know the problem *kung matatakot ako sa mga* criminals? So anytime you want to come... just point out the place you want to go and I'll take you there... *Basta ako ganito na lang*. Especially drugs, *di ko talaga matatanggap. Sa* drugs, *wala na. Ubos na*. (Laughter) We're the lowest now.

The lowest crime rate.

Crime rate. *Pati* drugs *wala na*. Nil to nothing *kami*.

Did you discuss these things with the President?

When the President came, she left the following day for Cotabato. *Andun sa* F-47 niya. "Rudy," she was calling me Rudy *na, eh*. (Laughter) "Rudy, one of these days I'm going to ask you to do something for the country." So how do you respond to that kind of declaration? So I said, "Ma'am. *kaya nga ako nagpirma ng* articles of impeachment." *Kaya nga nung tumawag sa akin si* Erap... you know, *kami magka-partido*, Masang Pilipino. I told him, "But this time, it's between you and my country." You know the stakes. I'd readily do anything for my country.

You know, let me state it categorically. There is nothing that I know that is not known to you. There is no talent that I have... 10 times over, *mas magaling ka*. The most that I can do is *pang-istorbo lang*. Maybe *pang-sutsot lang ako diyan*. I do not pretend to be good. I am not good enough for the entire country. Rural *lang ako*.

I have my limitations. Yung iba sabi political positioning *daw kasi nga lumabas ako sa* Time and I have this name... No, no, no... *Alam mo, sa totoo lang*, I can only aspire. I will never, never be what I cannot be.

What are your limitations?

Limitations in the sense that I do not have a good grasp of the crime situation of the country. I do not have the mindset, the psyche of the community... *dito kasi* memorized *ko, laki ako dito kasi*.

Are you saying you cannot translate what you're doing in Davao to a national scale?

Dito kasi kabisado ko.

And are you saying you're not going to run for election?

You know, I am a politician. *Ang isyu nila sa akin* every year, *babae, tapos* salvage... *Wala akong babae*. (Laughter) Although I must tell you my marriage has been annulled.

Legally annulled? Bachelor? Who is your current girlfriend?

Wala na, matanda na ako. (Laughter)

But they say the older you get the better...

I'll fax my bedtime story to them. (Laughter)

What is your program now?

Well, *kasi wala man akong magawa*, I said that I just have to keep Davao City's crime rate to the barest minimum if we can help it, and maintain it that way. You just cruise along until such time that you come up with a happy compromise here. But you cannot do that if Misuari is in prison. I know that *yung mga taong gumawa ng gyera-gyera noon sa* Zamboanga, but you cannot totally disassociate Misuari from the rest of the guys here.

Fritz Ynfante: I heard the mayor is the most machismo mayor... because the first thing I asked for when I checked into the hotel was where's the nearest gay bar? (Laughter)

As a matter of fact, *ako lang nagpatakbo ng* ticket *ko* with gay candidates. *Nagpatakbo ako ng* disabled—*itong* last elections—Muslim, gay... but you know, Davao City is not ready for that.

Was that a political strategy?

No. The city council is a body of people sitting as representatives of the people. So I felt that everybody must be represented. Gay, tomboy, disabled, Muslims. *Kasi itong mga ito sasabihin na, "Ah yang mga* Muslim, *huwag yan madudumi yan*." How can you find peace here if you keep on with your biases?

Do you go around on a big bike?

Yeah, yeah...

Is it a Harley?

I have a Harley.

Did the President ride with you?

I would've used the Virago 1100 but then I would get into trouble with the husband and, of course, with the security men. (Laughter)... *Gusto mo mapatay ako ng* security *pag natumba yan*... (Laughter) Accidents can happen.

Did she really want to ride with you?

Yeah. *Dinala ko yan dito* (After Dark). *Sabi ko*, "*Medyo sumusobra ka na yata*." (Laughter)

You're on your third term?

'There's more to this than meets the eye. You have the revolution and you have the criminality. I do not fight with revolutionaries because I have the highest respect for men who fight for their principles in life'

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This would be my fourth term as mayor. I ran for congressman. This is my fifth election.

Do you have other plans?

Yun nga sabi ko. I can only aspire to what I can be. I will never dream of what I cannot be. Always on the ground... reality check. Maybe I'm not qualified for it. In the Senate you just talk. I've been in the Congress and after the flag ceremony *punta na ako sa* canteen, then out. I had not been to the movies for 30 years... [but when I was in Congress] I went to see "Nottingham (sic) Hill," "Gladiator." (Laughter) When I became a congressman, I'd go to the mall, *naglalakad-lakad ako, tapos magdadaldal, wala namang kakwenta-kwenta... kayo na diyan, uwi na ako.*

When you move around, Mr. Mayor, are you surrounded by bodyguards?

No, but they want to. When your time is up, it is up. No amount of security men around you can help you.

That's fate.

Ganon ako, I live by destiny. I never thought I'd be a mayor. Never in my wildest dreams. *Ako kinuha lang nila kasi* my mother was the wife of the governor so she had stature and she was against Marcos during martial law. So *nung nanalo si* Cory, *nilagay nila yung pangalan,ng nanay ko—sabi siguro* she was one of those who really fought the dictatorship—without consulting her. So *nung nakita ng nanay ko*—because Cory was coming that day in the afternoon—my mother asked why her name was there. "You are too presumptuous about it, you did not ask," she said. So there was the name Duterte... *pumunta sila sa* fiscal's office, *sabi nila, "Mag*-vice mayor *ka na lang." Nag*-OIC *ako*. I said, "Maybe if you really want to reward me, make me the city fiscal. Promote my chief and then I'd be the chief prosecutor of the city." Along the way, *nag-away kami nung* mayor.

Who was the mayor then?

Saf Hospicio. You do not know that guy. He used to be the customs collector of Naia. I won the mayorship in 1988. I stayed there until 1998, then ran for congressman, then back to mayor.

You won as congressman...

Yes. I was a member of the 11th Congress...

So *anong plano niyo* for Kadayawan? Will it be bigger than last year?

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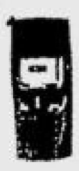

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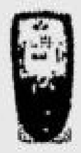

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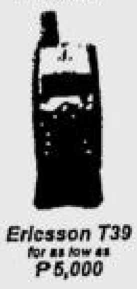

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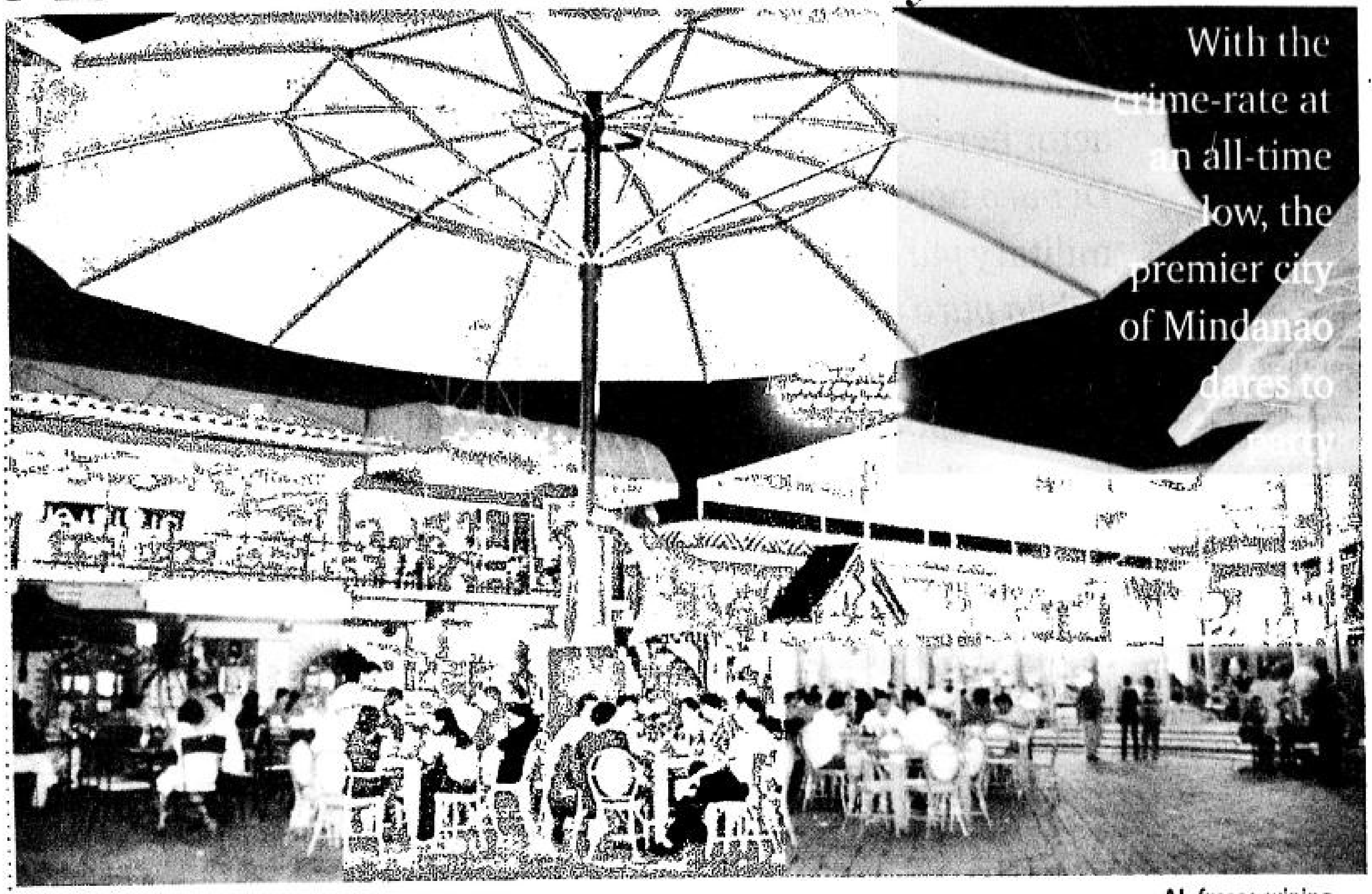


With the crime-rate at an all-time low, the premier city of Mindanao dares to party

AL fresco wining and dining at The Venue's courtyard

DAVAOEÑOS gyrate to DJ's mix at Halo.

Davao after dark

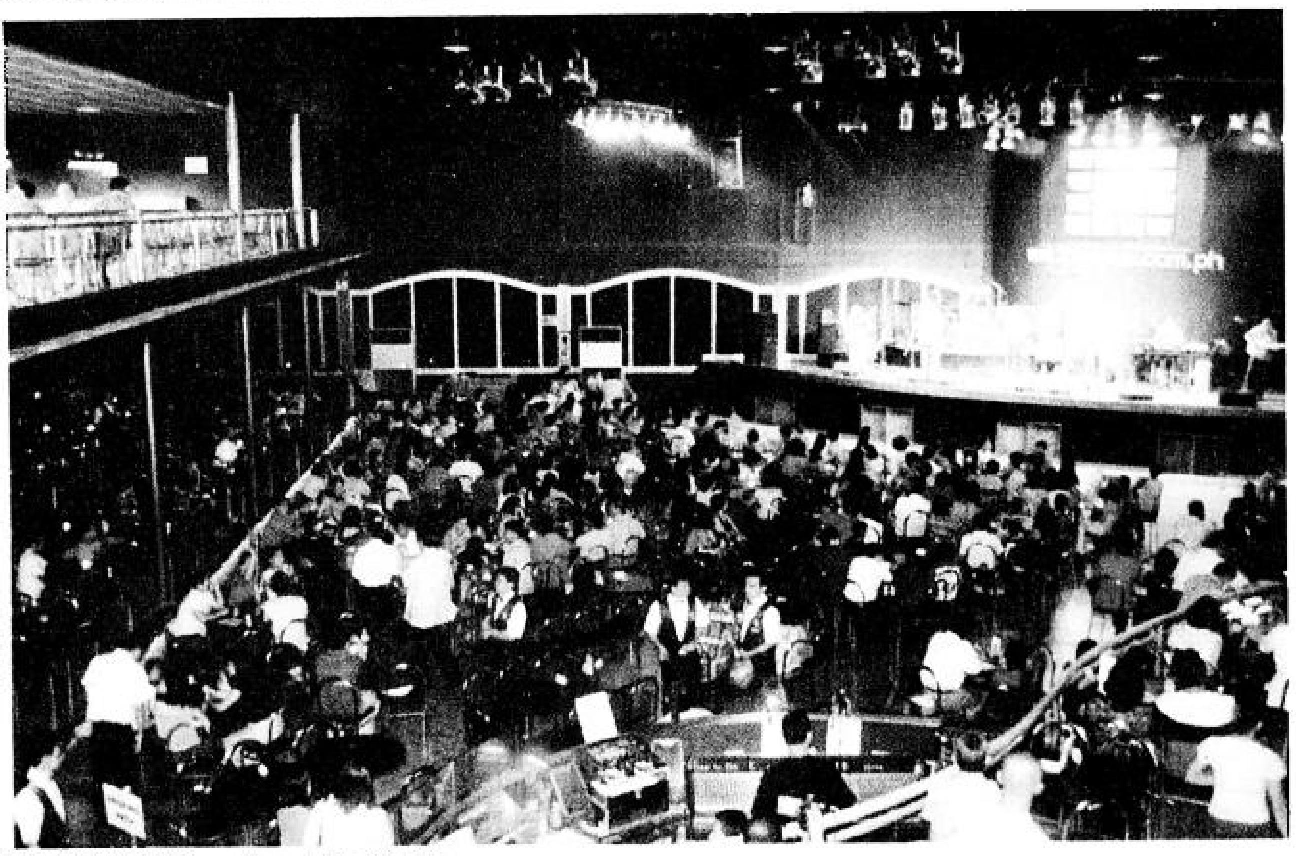
From page E8

piano bar on Quimpo Boulevard in Matina. At any given night, he may be coaxed into crooning the Visayan anthem "Matud Nila" accompanied by a pianist.

This unpretentious night spot is widely known as Duterte's favorite. As everyone must know by now, he and the President "jammed" here not very long ago. The mayor nurses his drink on one of the sofas while listening to other guests jamming with the house musicians and, occasionally acknowledges greetings from other patrons. His presence is unobtrusive, more so because he doesn't have a platoon of rowdy bodyguards in tow.

Like it or not, Davao also has its share of raunchy spots—like the Inside Out Disco Theater on J.P. Cabaguio Street—frequented by businessmen and foreign tourists. Then there's the gay bar called Interlude, described by a famous director as a "fun" place.

Indeed, Davao City has great places to cater to everybody's party whim. Its people may not get as crazy as the crowd in, say, Malate or Cebu, but this city is just as gripped by the party fever, despite a liquor ban after 2 a.m. and the much-contested no-smoking city ordinance.



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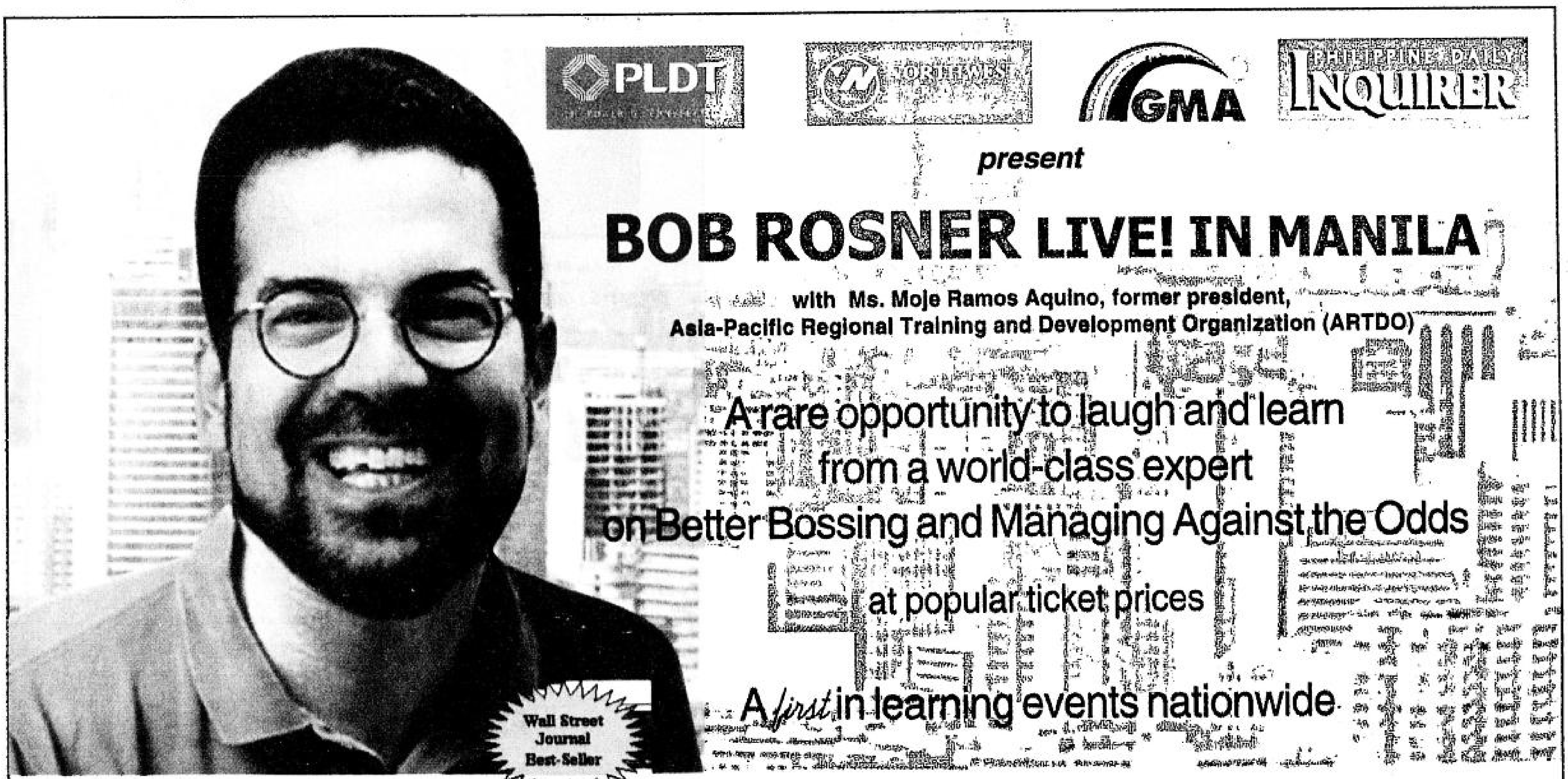

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THE 6th Philippine Academic Book Fair will open on July 15 at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, QC. The fair, which will be held until July 19, is organized by the Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions (Abap). This year's theme is "Books: Keys to Creativity and Development."

Abap will also hold a two-day seminar-workshop for librarians on "The Practice of Accreditation: Building New Vision for Libraries in the New Millennium," July 16-17, at the Benitez Alumni Center, UP Diliman, QC. Co-organizer of the seminar is the Professional Librarians' Review Center.

Theme park launches promo

ENCHANTED Kingdom has launched its back-to-school special ride-all, limited-edition admission ticket priced at P250.

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At the Lifestyles Center on the mall's second floor, customers who buy any item from Power Bikes store on July 15-21 will be entitled to a raffle ticket and get a chance to win an SGT e-scooter during the grand draw on July 21, 8 p.m. A series of kiddie shows featuring a pantomime artist, juggling-monocyclist, ventriloquist and the world champion yoyo player will be held there at 2:30 p.m. on July 20 and 21.

Extreme sports buffs will get the chance to try the Rebound trampoline at the Lopez Strip on July 19-21.

Music lovers can see and hear the regular playing of solo sax, guitar, violin and flute by various musicians led by Paolo Santos at the Concourse and north court on July 15-21. World-renowned Fubu will do some break dancing and DJ spinning at the north court from 6-7:30 p.m. on July 19 and 20. A mini-concert of Noel Cabangon and Cookie Chua will be held at the Concourse on July 20, 8-11 p.m.

Pet lovers can check out the "It's Raining Cats and Dogs" fair at the plaza garden and south court on July 20.

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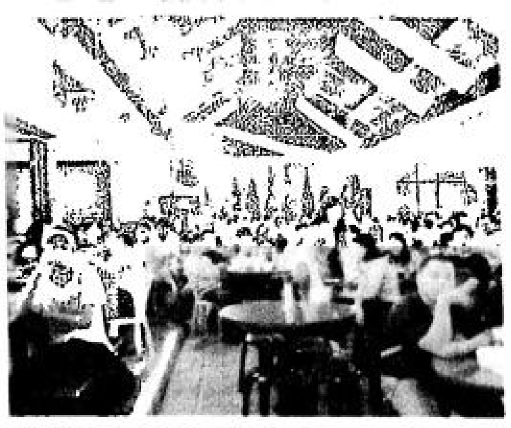

TABOAN EXPERIENCE. Food, music and art combined PHOTOS: JOAN BONDOC

Davao after dark

By Cheche V. Moral

TOURISTS may have stayed away from Davao City because of the spate of kidnappings and the political climate in Mindanao, but the party spirit of Davaoeños seems undaunted. And for a good reason.

"You can't find a safer place to be in at night," says a resident. "Thugs are afraid of the mayor so you can confidently wander in the streets without fear of anything untoward happening to you."

Indeed, there's life after dark in this city, thanks to the albeit controversial city mayor Rodrigo Duterte's "Dirty Harry" brand of enforcing law and order. The crime rate is at its remarkable all-time low, and for this reason alone his constituents have every excuse to let their hair down and party.

The Venue

The city has clusters of entertainment and dining hubs to rival even those in Metro Manila, the largest single structure of which is located beside Davao Central Bank.

Called The Venue, this colossal concert hall and gaming bar is an object of envy among Manilans who are used to nothing but elbow room in cramped bars. With a high ceiling and six ionizers, the two-story bar can accommodate up to 2,000 revelers. It's ideal for those who like to dance or just enjoy the music but shun the stench of cigarette smoke and, well, other revelers.

The concert stage on the ground level, which features a huge videowall, is a popular venue for show bands and—a big hit of late—stand-up comedy acts. It's expectedly a full house when big performers like Gary Valenciano, Pops Fernandez, Side A go onstage.

One doesn't have to worry about using up his durian and pomelo shopping money, as prices here are really cheap. Entrance fee is P75 on weekdays and P100 on weekends—and that comes with one standard drink.

For those who want a quieter corner to nurse their drinks but don't want to miss out on the live performance, The Venue has a second-level balcony that overlooks the stage. Several billiard and shuffleboard tables make up the gaming bar, where occasional tournaments are also held. A coffee bar at one corner is intended for those who need to sober up after having one drink too many.

The Venue also offers al fresco dining and wining in the circular courtyard with its row of restos and wine bars.

"The owners had intended this area to be a one-stop family place," technical manager Erwin Junasa says. The huge dome at the center, he adds, can be transformed into a stage for live performances.

But wild and rambunctious partying is not the thing around here. "Davao is more laid-back so there's less pressure and stress and the locals party accordingly," explains Junasa.

A top favorite for GenYs, however, is a tiny place at the end of the courtyard called Halo. With a DJ spinning dance music till 2 a.m., this is where some real partying—or Davao's version of it—takes place. Entrance fee is just as amazingly cheap: P50 with one drink for women and P100 with two drinks for men.

Matina Town Square

Also a must-go is Matina Town Square (MTS) on MacArthur Highway with its local restos and bars along the sidewalks of the promenade. "We made sure to take in only local tenants so what we have to offer can only be found here," says marketing officer John Irene del Campo.

Located across the Ateneo Grade School and two other universities, MTS is where parents wait for their kids after school—either at the al fresco restos or at Blugré Coffee in the Square's rotunda.

Also fast gaining popularity is the newly opened Kanto, a jazz and blues bar that is, Del Campo says, a first in Mindanao.

But most unique to MTS is the Taboan experience. So named after the Visayan term for "meeting place," Taboan merges the food, music and art of Mindanao in one fast-food concept place.

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The best part? "You only pay for what you order; entertainment is on the house," Del Campo says.

After Dark and other joints

If rubbing elbows with the controversial city mayor is on the curious tourists' agenda, they have to head off to After Dark, a small resto and

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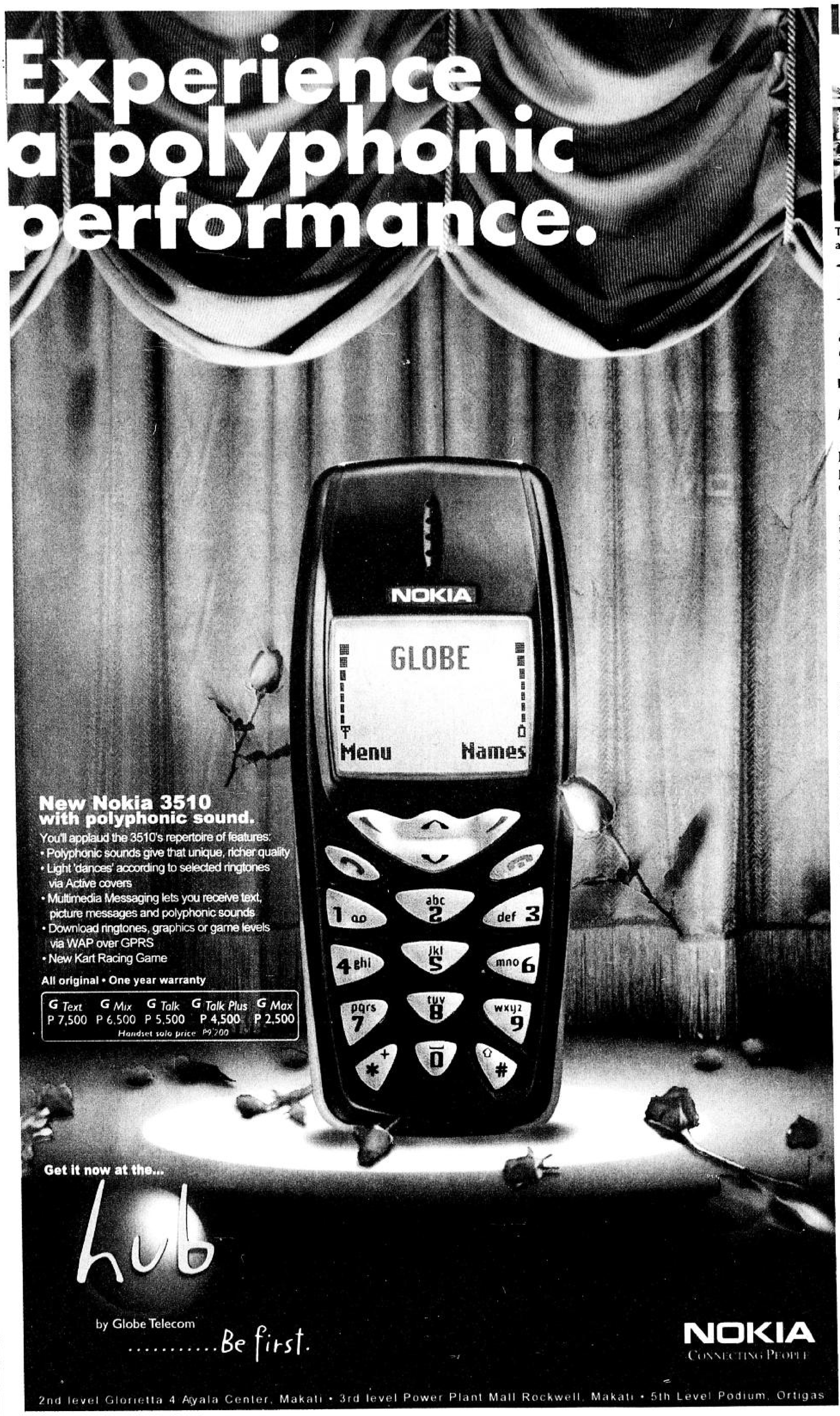

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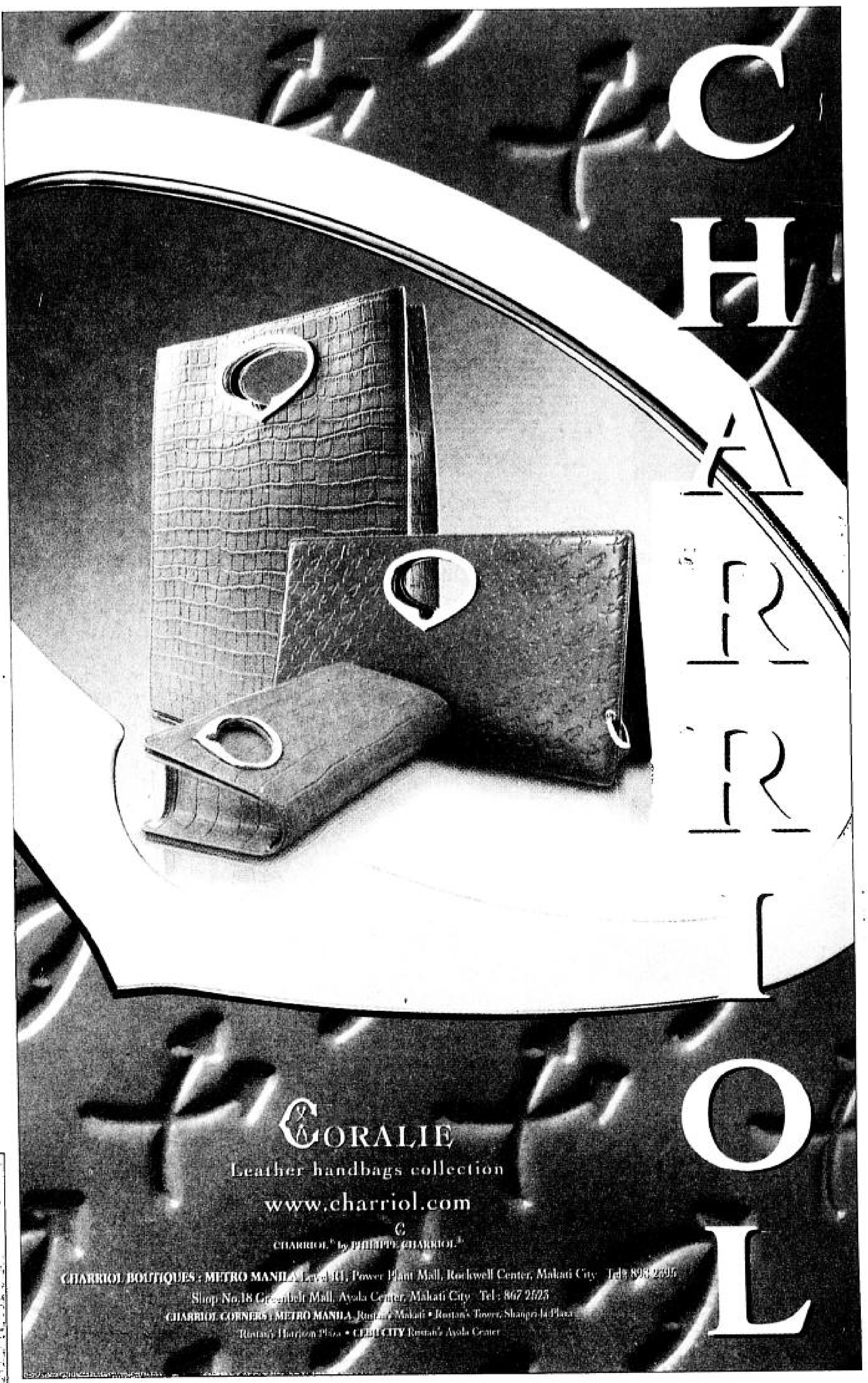

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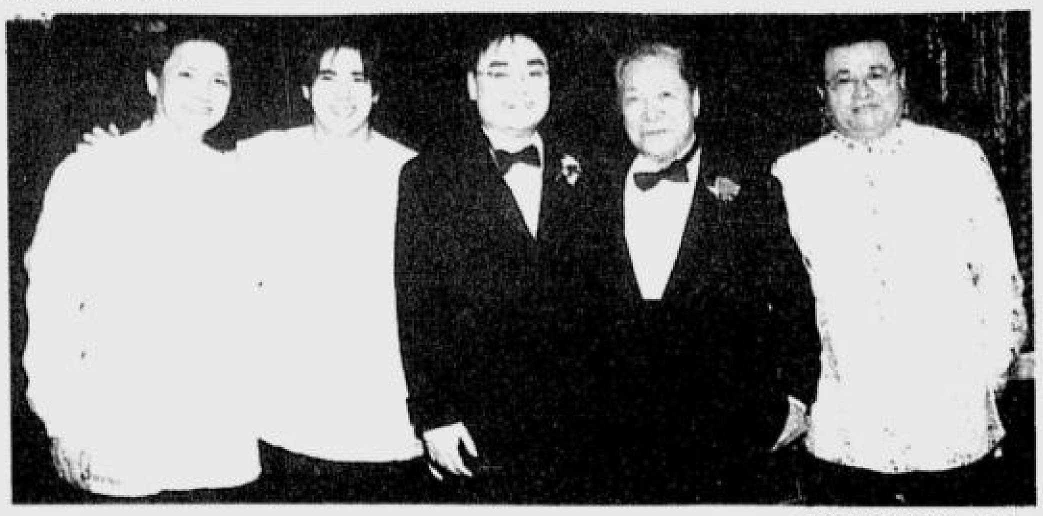

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A garden wedding, a beach reception and a flower dog named Coco

THE GROOM with his parents Tanny and Brenda Tanjutco

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

BORN to affluence and the good life, Ryan Tanjutco and Maria Lourdes "Malou" Violago could have had a grand and elaborate wedding. But the young couple opted for a simple and romantic wedding to seal their five-year-long romance.

For their altar date, they picked the picture-perfect Shangri-La Mactan Island Resort in Cebu because, according to Ryan, "Malou and I wanted a very intimate wedding with only family and friends in attendance. We felt that Shangri-La Mactan was the perfect place because of its natural beauty and romantic ambience. It is also a memorable place for us because it is where we always go for our vacation."

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Ryan and Malou met through mutual friends in October 1995. He was then in the midst of his law studies at the Ateneo while she was a business management senior on the same Loyola campus. They dated casually for about a year and started getting serious in 1997. In March 2000, Ryan proposed to Malou at Sonya's Garden in Tagaytay, and two years later, on April 27, they were married under a full moon.

Ryan is one of six children of Menandro "Tanny" Tanjutco and Brenda Leuterio. The family owns Creative Concepts, an ad agency that services Rustan's, Nokia Phils., Standard Appliances. Before entering law school, Ryan completed his management degree at De La Salle University. He passed the bar in 1999.

Malou is the daughter of businessman Oscar Ileto Violago and Olympia "Bootsie" Cruz. The family is into the construction business, specializing in low-cost housing projects. Mr. Violago is also the only Filipino founding partner of the Casecnan Multipurpose Water and Power Project in Nueva Vizcaya.

Three days before their lovely sunset wedding at Shangri-La Mactan's beautifully landscaped gardens, they had a quiet church wedding at St. Francis Church in Mandaluyong, with only their immediate families in attendance. The lone sponsors were Malou's baptismal godparent, former Sen. Kit Tatad and his wife Fenny.

The garden rites were officiated by Fr. Roberto San Diego. The principal sponsors were Senate President Franklin and Mila Drilon, retired US Army Gen. Donald and Betty Jean O'Shei, Dr. King and Cielo Aguiluz, Secretary Cesar Sarino, Metrobank president Antonio Abacan, Ambassador Roberto Sebastian, Judge Pedro Santiago, Roy Bufi, Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar, Nueva Ecija Rep. Eleuterio and Eva Violago, Trinidad Muñoz, former DBP president Remedios Macalincag, Mercedes Arroyo, Yolly Dinglasan and Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon. Represented by proxies were former First Lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos and businessman David Baldwin, who couldn't come to Cebu due to other pressing commitments.

Joe Salazar designed the bride's gown. Rustan's Flower Shoppe did the floral décor, and celebrity baker Penk Ching flew to Cebu with the wedding cake. It was a carrot-and-walnut fondant studded with red Swarovski crystals forming a floral pattern of different

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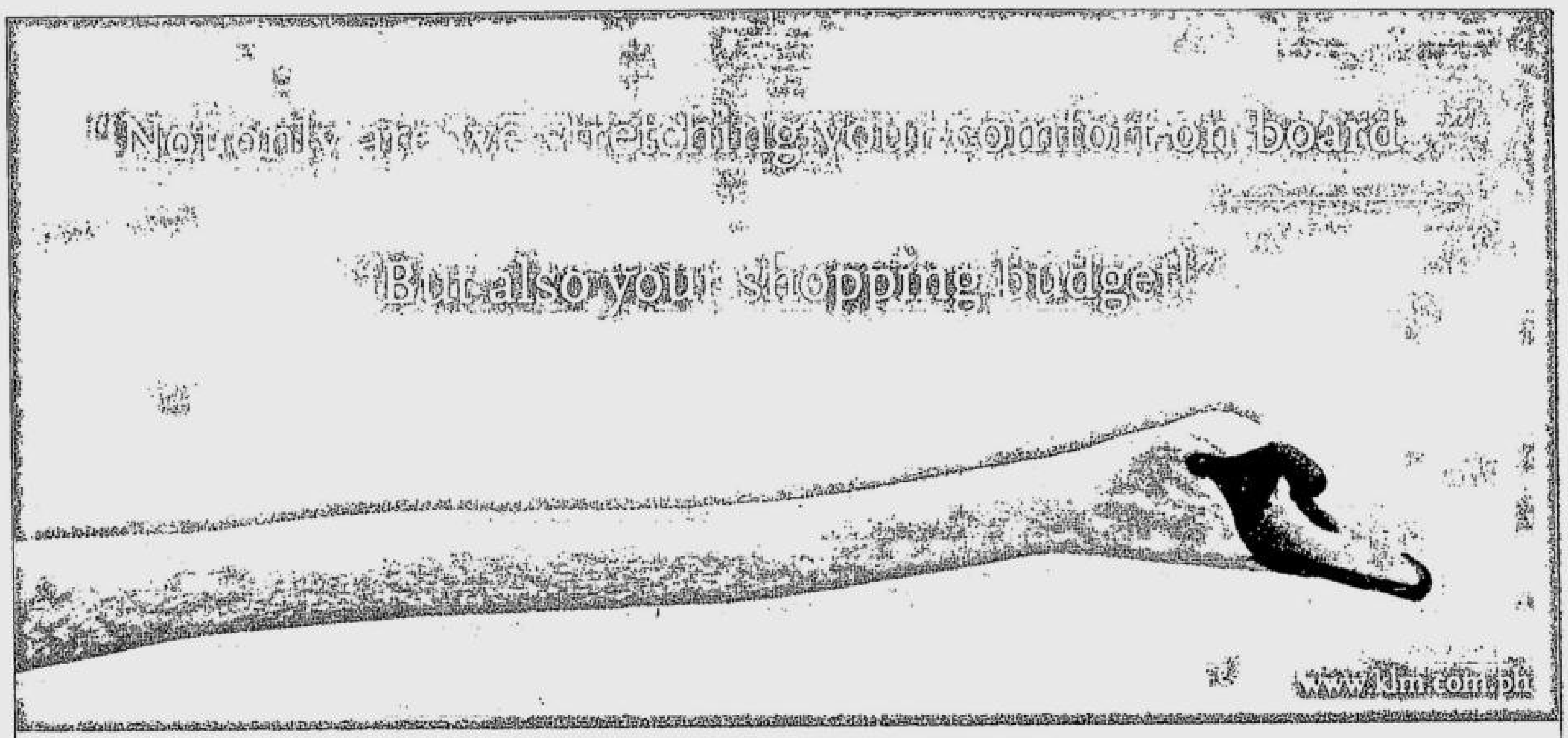
THE AIR-CONDITIONED tent installed for the beach reception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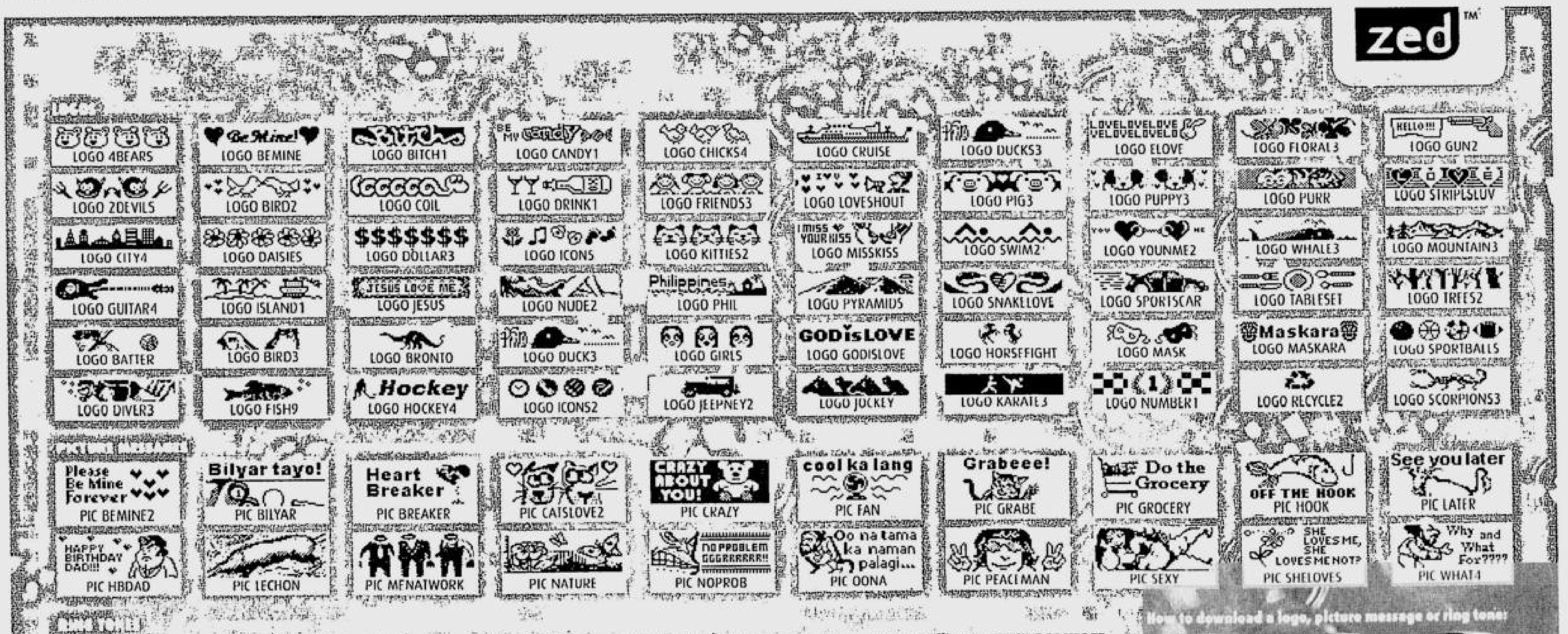
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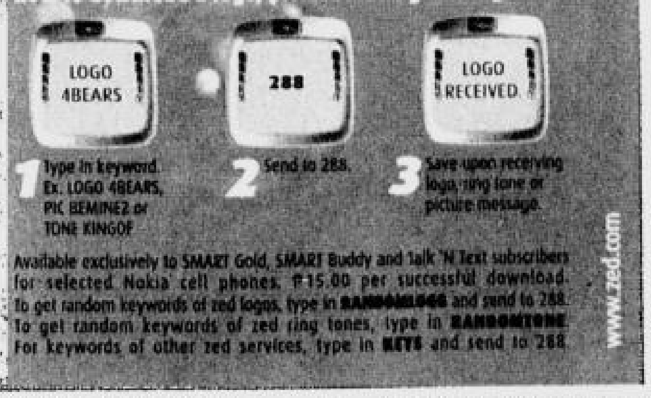
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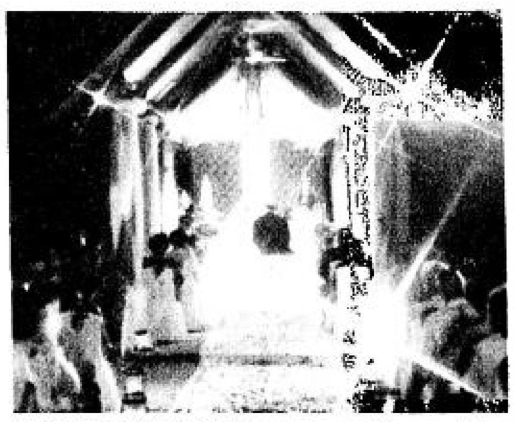

THE MAKESHIFT altar where the wedding rites are solemnized

A garden wedding, a beach reception and a flower dog named Coco

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sizes and shapes. Wrapped around one tier of the multilayered cake was an original painting by renowned artist Romulo Galicano, who made it especially for the newlyweds.

The groom's brothers Vince, Gilbert and Giancarlo were best men, while the bride's younger sister Princess was maid of honor. The junior bridesmaids were Gabie and Maxine Tanjutco and Clara Aguiluz. The secondary sponsors were Chris and Yasmine Moya (candle); the bride's only brother AJ Violago and cousin-in-law Christine Aguiluz (cord); and Roy and Michele Park (veil).

The bride's pet Shih Tzu named Coco was part of the entourage. As the "flower dog," Coco joined adorable flower girls Natasha, Nicole and Isabella Tanjutco, Camy Aguiluz, Mica Aquino and Tina Moya.

After the garden rites, the guests trooped to an air-conditioned tent pitched on the white sand beach of the resort, for the dinner reception. There were the usual speeches and toasts and light-hearted ribbings from the couple's young friends. Then tenor Nolyn Cabahug and soprano Lorna Llanes and the bride's sister Princess sang the couple's favorite tunes.

A dazzling fireworks display further brightened the full-moon sky, and then a local band called Stages took over the bandstand, signaling the start of the all-night dance party.

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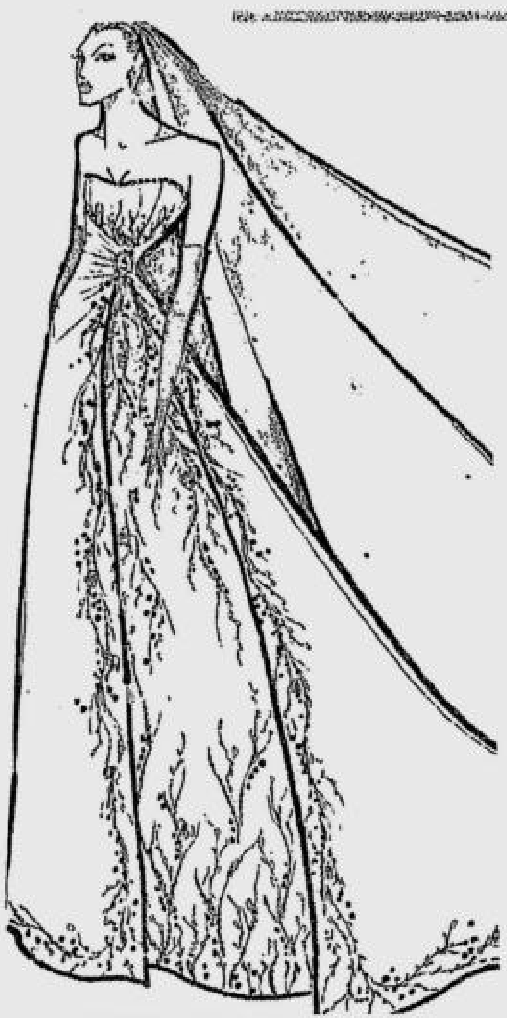

COSEQUIEN-SO

Jonabelle So, daughter of **Johnny** and **Jessie So**, will wed **Reginald Cosequien**, son of **Roberto** and **Olive Cosequien**, on July 20 at the San Agustin Church. Jonabelle will wear a **Leonard Co** creation of white duchess satin tube green gown with overlapped wrap-around draping and long cathedral train, accented by fully beaded fine ferns and dainty floral design.

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*Estrellita V. Fernando-Lopez, MD, MA, FPCP, FPSEM**

It afflicts man easily-and how. Most people will enjoy the process of being affected by the disorder. It gets into our system by filling ourselves with the *"good"* caloric dense food teeming all around us, and whiling away our time in front of the computer and the idiot box--the television.

What is this malady that is now considered an epidemic affecting people worldwide, a by-product of a modern world overwhelmed by fastfood outlets and technological know-how promoting a sedentary lifestyle, and which results in health burdens which shorten man's life span?

Look around and see the increased number of people afflicted with obesity. A 1998 survey of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Philippines found that 23.3% of Filipinos are overweight, and more than 20% are obese. In the United States, the statistics are more alarming: more than half of the Americans are overweight, and more than one fourth (27%) have obesity.

How do you know if you are overweight, or obese, for that matter?

MEASURE OF OBESITY

Ideal Body weight charts

Obesity is defined as an excess of body fat. Obesity is more than 20% of one's ideal body weight (IBW). Overweight is more than 10% but less than 20% over one's IBW. Ideal body weight may be estimated through the following formula:

Build	Women	Men
Small	-10%	-10%
Medium	100 lbs for 1st 5ft. of height; 5lbs/inch for each inch>5ft.	106 lbs for 1st 5ft. of height; 6lbs/inch for each inch>5ft.
Large	+10%	+10%

Body Mass Index (BMI)

Among physicians and health care workers, Body Mass Index is most often used as a predictor of body fat. BMI is the ratio between an individual's weight, and the square of his or her height, and is reported as kg/m^2.

The BMI associated with the lowest incidence of morbidity and mortality, and is therefore considered as normal, is between 18 and 25. Overweight is defined as a BMI between 25 and 30; for obesity, BMI is more than 30.

For Asians, this classification has been modified--the normal BMI is only up to 23. The individual is already overweight if BMI is between 23 and 25, and obese if BMI is more than 25.

Classification of Adult Obesity According to BMI

BMI	W.H.O.	Asia Pacific
18.5 - 24.9	Healthy	
18.5 - 23		Healthy
23 - 25		"At risk"
25 - 29.9	Pre-obese	Obese I
30 - 34.9	Obese I	Obese II
35 - 39.9	Obese II	
40 +	Obese III	

Waist Circumference

For Asians, waist circumference is more predictive of body fat excess, and is most useful if BMI is less than 35. One is considered obese if he or she exceeds the cut-off values of 102 cm for men, and 88 cm for women.

Waist to hip Ratio

Values are also gender-specific:
Males: > 1.0 Waist to hip ratio
Female: > 0.85 Waist to hip ratio

THE BURDENS OF OBESITY

"How cute naman!"

We often hear this being said of infants and toddlers who are bursting with extra fat and walking Roly-polys. Yes indeed, they look very good at this early stage, but soon in grade school, the "cute" description becomes a teasing *"Tabatsoy"* and *"Babsky"* and worse to a derisive *"Baboy!"* Here begins the psychological burden of obesity, eventually resulting in poor self-image and low self-esteem. Small wonder then that obesity is associated with lower educational achievement, increased unemployment, and underemployment.

The psychological impact of obesity is already overwhelming, but the medical problems linked with it are mind-boggling: increase incidence of diabetes, gallstones, arthritis, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, heart diseases, and even cancer, mostly of the reproductive or gastrointestinal organs.

So next time you feel the craving for another of those cheeseburgers to be downed with refillable glasses of soft drinks and bottomless ice tea, think of these excess calories being converted into fat in your system, bringing you one step at a time closer to that silent, soft killer: *Obesity.*

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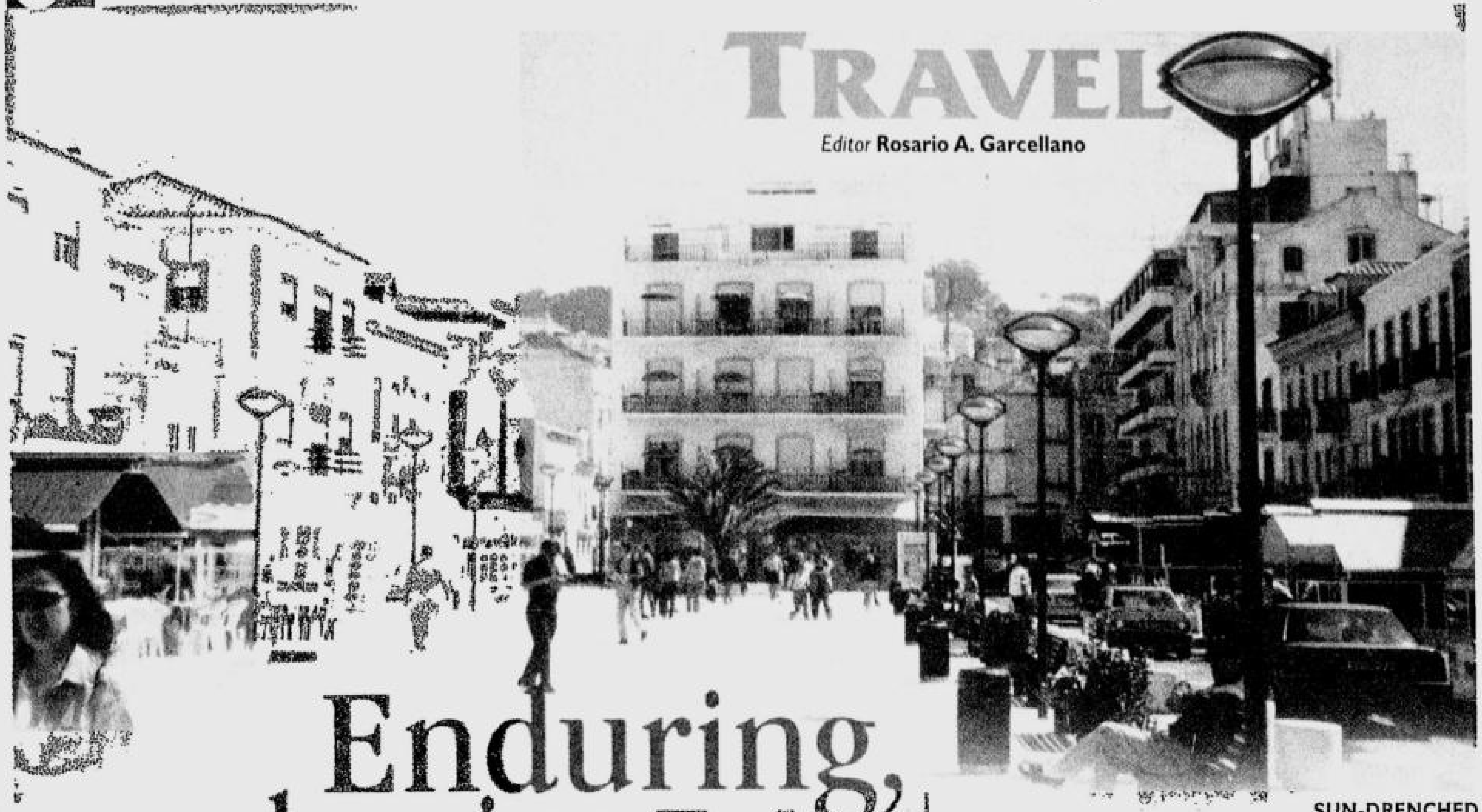

SUN-DRENCHED scene at the plaza

ONE of the entrances to the Alfama district

Enduring, endearing Lisbon

Text and photos by Rafael R. Castillo

LISBON is a revelation of sorts. I did not think much of this capital city of Portugal after a two-day meeting there about 10 years ago. But after a recent visit, wherein I saw more of it and its outskirts and interacted more with its people, I came to understand why the officer at the Portuguese Embassy assured me that I would come back to Manila with more than just memories of a beautiful city.

And to think I almost missed the trip because I made a last-minute application for a visa at the Portuguese Embassy with insufficient documents.

"By my honor, I swear that everything I've stated in my application is true," I pleaded.

The officer, a woman, gave me a long, scrutinizing look and said, "By my honor, I tell you I'll be in big trouble if you're lying."

Right there and then, I thought I would enjoy Lisbon. It always makes you feel good if people you meet for the first time trust you.

"Enjoy Lisbon," the officer said, and assured me that I would get my visa in time for the trip.

But the trip was exhausting despite the amenities and the excellent service of the Dutch KLM airline. From our house here to the hotel in Lisbon, it took something like 28 hours, including the stops at Kuala Lumpur and Amsterdam. However, one consolation in long trips is I get to finish a lot of overdue work, except on occasions when my laptop falters, as though also suffering from jetlag.

We didn't stay long in Lisbon. Total of four days: two days for the high-brow scientific meeting on cholesterol sponsored by Astra-Zeneca, and two days to see the sights.

But we were fortunate to have an excellent tour guide, Isabela Vargas, as charming and pretty a Portuguese as all of her 39 summers can make her. Speaking five languages fluently and knowing Portuguese and European history like the back of her hand, she went about her duties with such passion and nationalism that truly made her a cut above the other tour guides I've met. She went out of her way to make us see and know as much of Lisbon as possible with the limited time.

Lisbon captured the discriminating taste of many conquerors of antiquity, from the Greeks, the Romans, the Phoenicians to the Arabs. Today, almost 900 years after its foundation as the capital of the Kingdom of Portugal, Lisbon has triumphantly endured the ravages of time, the destruction of world wars and civil wars, and the tribulation brought about by natural calamities.

The resilience of Lisbon and the Portuguese reminded us of the Filipinos' capacity to bounce back. Indeed, our temperament and culture are quite similar to the Portuguese's, and it is not often that we feel this bonding with the inhabitants of the places we travel to.

Yes, the Portuguese temperament is very much like ours. Drivers cut each other in the streets and they also shout what sound like invectives complete with fists waving in the air.

"But that's all there is to it," said Isabel. "They may shout to high heavens but they never become physically violent." She took it as a joke when one of our Filipino companions asked if the Portuguese ever shoot each other over a traffic altercation.

The Portuguese are also superstitious, like Filipinos. When traveling by sea, they avoid whistling because this is believed to call in strong winds and may lead to disaster, says Isabel.

Their indomitable spirit and strong sense of kinship and friendship are, again, very similar to ours. Consider Isabela—quite a looker, in fact a Steffi Graf lookalike—who chose not to marry because she had to help send her younger siblings then, and now her nephews and nieces, to school. "We also fight for our friends, and we stand by them at any cost," she proudly told us.

The natural and man-made disasters that Lisbon has experienced probably helped inculcate this deep sense of kinship and friendship in its inhabitants, making them realize the need for one another—for comfort and survival.

Many do not know that behind the façade of a modern and sophisticated city lies a difficult and tragic past. Lisbon's colorful yet tragic history includes a number of terrible earthquakes—one in 1505 and another in 1512. During the last, extremely destructive earthquake of 1755, the center of Lisbon was completely destroyed and almost two-thirds of the city was virtually wiped off the map.

The silver lining, however, was that then Prime Minister Marques de Pombalhad turned the tragedy into an opportunity to make the city modern and rationally planned. The whole city was redesigned, a sewage system was constructed, and old buildings were redecorated. The city's new design eventually broke the ravaging cycle of fires that, aside from the earthquakes, had regularly destroyed entire blocks.

Afonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal, made Lisbon its capital city on Oct. 25, 1147. Allied with the Crusaders from the north of continental Europe, he built an alluring city. Even today, the foundations of Roman buildings are being unearthed, indicating the importance of the city's location through the ages.

Contemporary Lisbon has a total land area of 87.44 square kilometers populated by 700,000 inhabitants. It is bounded by Loures, Sintra, Amadora and Oeiras in the north and by the Tagus River in the south. The city is a haven for sun-loving Europeans because of its warm and sunny days even during the winter, thanks to the Atlantic and Mediterranean influences on its climate.

As the so-called mother of all cities of Western Europe, Lisbon was fondly cherished by ancient sailors and explorers. It is famous for its seven hills—Castelo, Graca, Monte, Penha de Franca, San Pedro de Alcantara, Santa Catarina, and Estrela. The streets go up and down in geographic splendor, much like the streets of San Francisco.

Today's Lisbon is divided into five districts—Praça do Comércio-Cruz Quebrada, Praça do Comércio-Poco do Bispo, Baixa-Avenidas-Benfica, Rossío-Graca-Praça do Chile-Olivais, and Baixa-Estrela-Campolide.

SLICE of life in the early afternoon

Elegant and beautiful after 900 years, the city triumphs over time, wars, earthquakes and fire

The Praça do Comércio, which literally means "Palace Yard," is known to many as Lisbon's reception hall that can rival the finest squares in all of Europe. The open space is about 300 square yards and is bounded on three sides by 18th-century buildings especially built to house government offices.

The focal point of the square is the mounted bronze statue of King Joseph I by Machado de Castro, who gave it the name "Estátua Equestre de D. José" or the "Black Horse Square." At the square's northern end is the Monumental Arch by the famed architect Verissimo da Costa. The arch was included in the original design for the square immediately after the devastating 1755 earthquake. However, its top part was only completed 80 years later, and thus shows a marked 19th-century influence.

The center of Lisbon stretches from the Praça do Comércio, considered as one of the largest riverside squares in Europe, to the Rossio in the north. Rossio, smaller but one of the most fashionable squares in Portugal, is replete with elegant shops and cafés. The aroma of strong Portuguese coffee permeates the air. The district in between is known as the Baixa, which literally means "Lower Town," built after the 1755 earthquake and ensuing tidal wave destroyed much of the city.

The modern city begins at the Praça dos Restauradores, adjacent to the Rossio. From here the main Avenida da Liberdade stretches northwest to the landmark Praça Marquêz de Pombal, bordered by the green expanse of the Parque Eduardo VII beyond.

Avenida 24 de Julho is Lisbon's great embankment built at the end of the last century. On the south side, running parallel to the avenue, are the docks, warehouses, offices and other installations of the Port of Lisbon Authority. Many of these warehouses have now been smartly converted into fine-dining restaurants, discos and bars frequented by both tourists and residents.

The Palácio Nacional de Belém, a former royal residence built in the 18th century, is now the official home of the President of the Republic. New ambassadors or ministers present their credentials to the President and official visitors are received here. It has a picture gallery, as well as beautiful courts and gardens. Close by is the Museu Nacional dos Coches, reputedly the finest coach museum in the world, with an incredible collection of state coaches mainly from the 17th and 18th centuries. (Coaches served as royal "limousines" centuries ago.)

When you drive along the Tagus River, you'll see Belém, one of Lisbon's landmarks. It derives its name from the great church and friars of the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, dedicated to St. Mary of Bethlehem. It is a majestic specimen of Manueline architecture—a blend of late Gothic and Renaissance, very popular in Portugal in the 16th century. The tombs of Vasco da Gama, the famous navigator and Camões, the great national poet, are in the church.

Standing in the river and forming a little peninsula of its own is the Torre de Belém, a 16th-century structure erected by Francisco de Arruda, also in the Manueline style. It was built as a fort to guard the entrance to Lisbon. Its balustrades, terraces, statues and balconies, which make it probably the most lavishly decorated fortress in the world, never fail to mesmerize visitors.

A visit to Lisbon will not be complete without taking a walk at Alfama, perhaps the most tortuous but picturesque of the old districts. This part of the city was spared destruction during the great earthquake of 1755. Here you'll see many Jewish and Moorish remains, such as the Jewry Wall (Judiaria) and the Tower of Alfama.

The historic churches of San Miguel and San Estevão are here, too. The Chafariz de Dentro ("Fountain within the Walls") is in the main square. Other ancient gates giving access to Alfama are the Portas do Mar, the Arco de Jesus and the Arco do Rosario.

Another must-see while in Lisbon is the St. George's Castle—the Alcazar (or Keep) of the Walled Town that King Afonso Henriques captured. It was rebuilt on medieval lines by King John I in the 14th century and has since then undergone considerable restorations. It offers a panoramic perspective of Lisbon.

One of the attractions of the castle is the wild garden that surrounds it, where visitors may chat idly or simply look over the roofs of the houses and campaniles of Lisbon below.

At the top of the hill is the Estrela Square, one of the finest in the city. Here is the great domed church of the Sacred Heart, or the Basilica da Estrela (1779-1790), built by Queen Mary I from designs of Mateus Vicente and Reinaldo Manuel. It is a splendid architectural monument and a great engineering achievement. Considered one of Estrela's treasures is the giant Christmas crib on the first floor above the sacristy with hundreds of figures.

A very conspicuous structure as you take the city tour is the Great Aqueduct (Aqueduto das Águas Livres), a kilometric line of cyclopean arches that might have been built in the days of ancient Rome but actually dates from the 18th century, according to records.

Time, people and artifacts are three essential features of history, and also of Lisbon. Conquerors, rulers and modern-day visitors come and go as they please, leaving only a shadow of their existence in this magnificent Iberian city. Yet it seems certain that Lisbon will live forever. It will endure even during the most difficult times—just like the Philippines.

After our tour, we got off at the landmark Marquês de Pombal monument, and decided to walk across the vast green expanse of the Parque Eduardo VII to our hotel.

In the park, couples hugged and kissed, and children played ball while their parents and grandparents watched nearby. A family enjoyed a packed meal as an elderly lady patiently worked on her cross-stitch on a bench by a big tree.

Such a beautiful park, such beautiful people. I felt at home in Lisbon.

Dr. Castillo writes "Medical Files," a weekly column in the Inquirer Health & Science Section.

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PINTADOS FESTIVAL JOHNNY VILLENA

Sweet painted ladies make merry in the streets of Tacloban City at the recent Pintados Festival. The annual event, first held on June 29, 1987, depicts the culture and way of life, including body tattooing, of the early people of Leyte and Samar.

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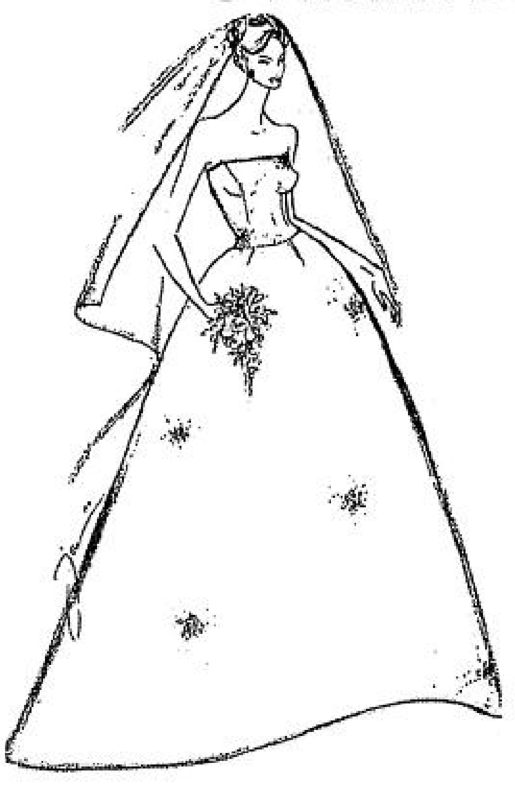
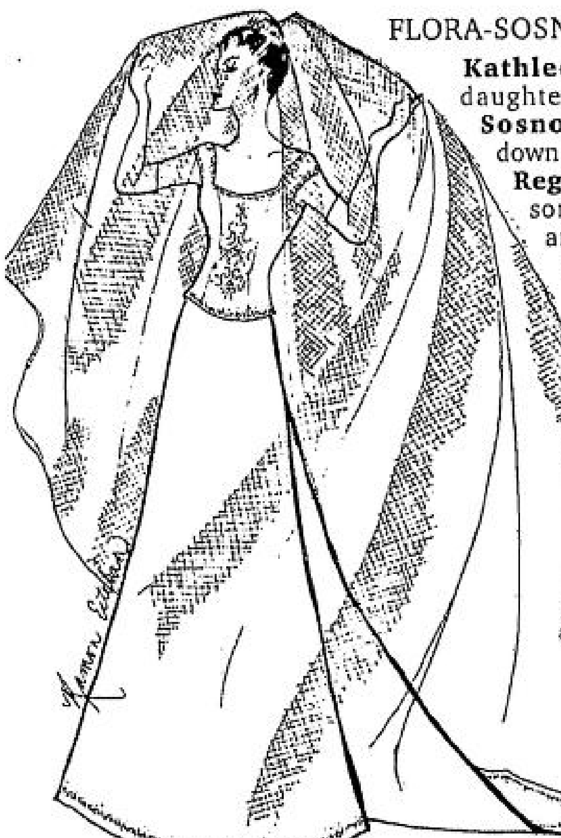


VILORIA-TAN

Michael Viloria, son of **Bobby** and **Lilia Viloria**, will wed **Ellaine Tan**, daughter of **Efren** and **Jean Tan**, on July 20.

The wedding will take place at the St. Lucy Parish Church in Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur.

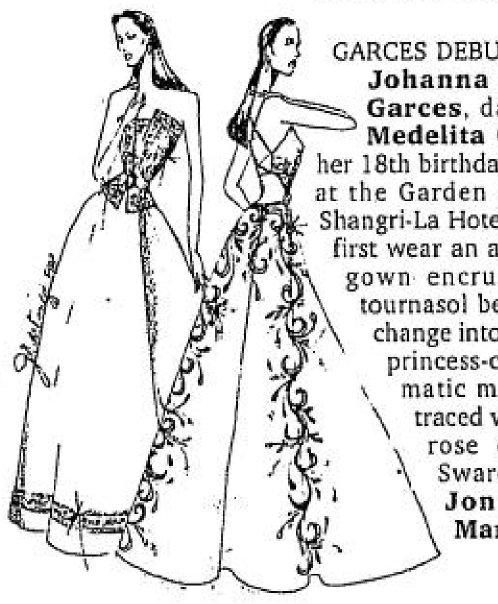
Joel Acebuche created the gown with a corset top and a full-bias skirt made of ivory silk duchess, accented with metallic-gold crystal beads.



FLORA-SOSNOWSKI

Kathleen Sosnowski, daughter of **Frank Sosnowski**, will walk down the aisle with Dr. **Regino John Flora**, son of Dr. **Romeo** and **Julita Flora**, on July 20 at the Good Shepherd Luther-an Church, West McCarthy Road at Palos Heights, Illinois, US.

The bride will wear a **Ramon Esteban** creation of a classic gown with a detachable train made of off-white duchess satin. The gown has an intricate Baroque design on the bodice, adorned with caviar, cut beads and Swarovski crystals in light blue and pink. The hems and train are also traced with the same set of adornments.



GARCES DEBUT

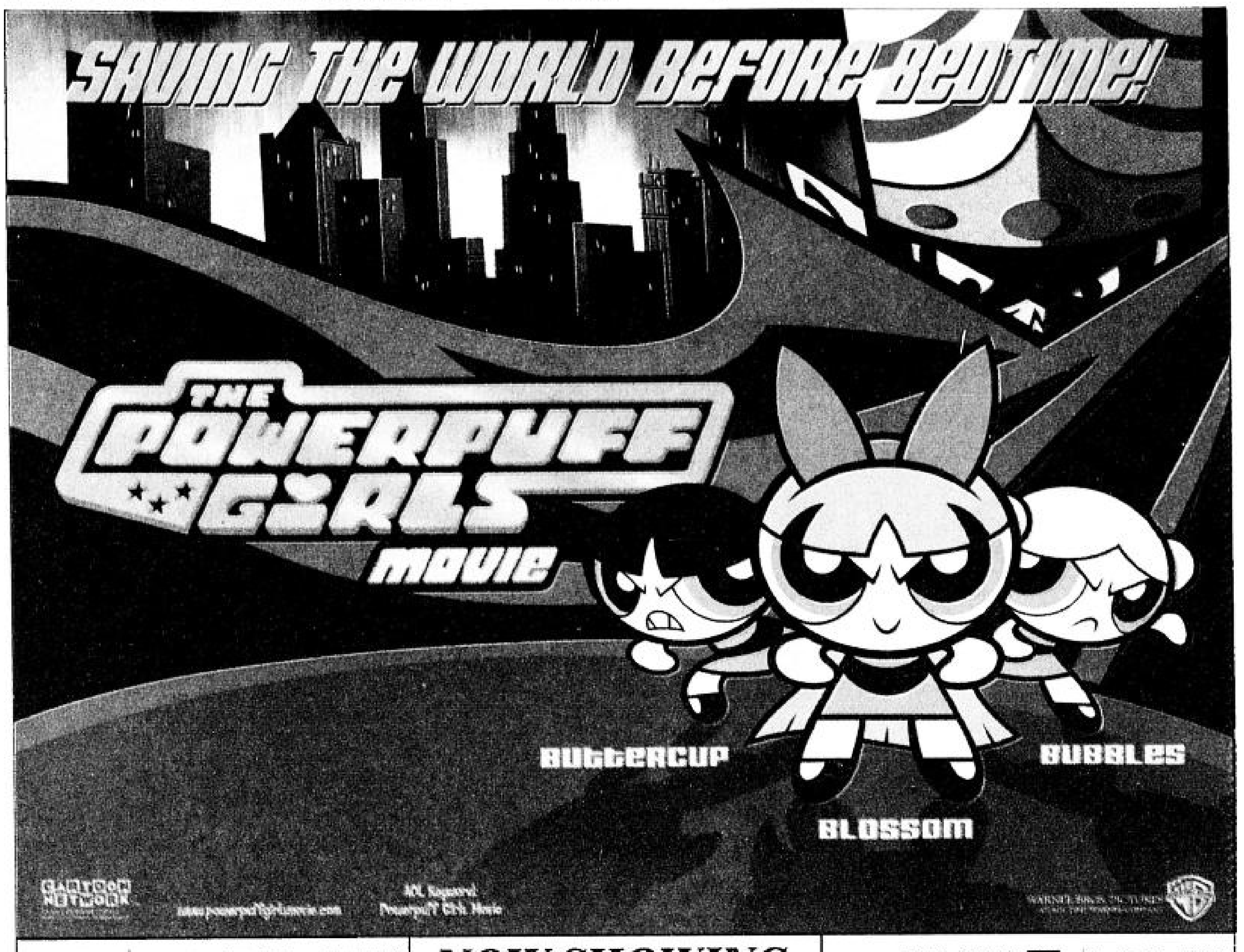
Johanna Kathleen "Jackie" Garces, daughter of **Celso** and **Medelita Garces**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a grand cotillion at the Garden Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on Aug. 4. Jackie will first wear an aqua shantung strapless gown encrusted with silver and tournasol beadwork, and will then change into a waist-baring haltered princess-cut gown in monochromatic magenta duchesse satin traced with green, gold and old rose cut glass beads and Swarovski crystals, both by **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** of Galatea.

DE ASIS DEBUT

Jennifer I. de Asis, daughter of **Edwin** and **Marilou Isaac de Asis**, celebrated her 18th birthday on July 7 at the Heritage Ballroom. She wore a pink and white gown made of satin with pink beads and flowerets designed by the debutante herself and created by **Odette Ramos**. **Ting Cielito** did her hair and makeup.

RESURRECCION-ABITANG GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lawyer **Diomedes T. Resurreccion Sr.** and **Sophia Requiro Abitang** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20 at the St. Joseph Church, Banga, Aklan. Reception will follow immediately at the Aklan State University (ASU) Cafeteria, Banga, Aklan. Their children from California, US, and Queensland, Australia, will be attending.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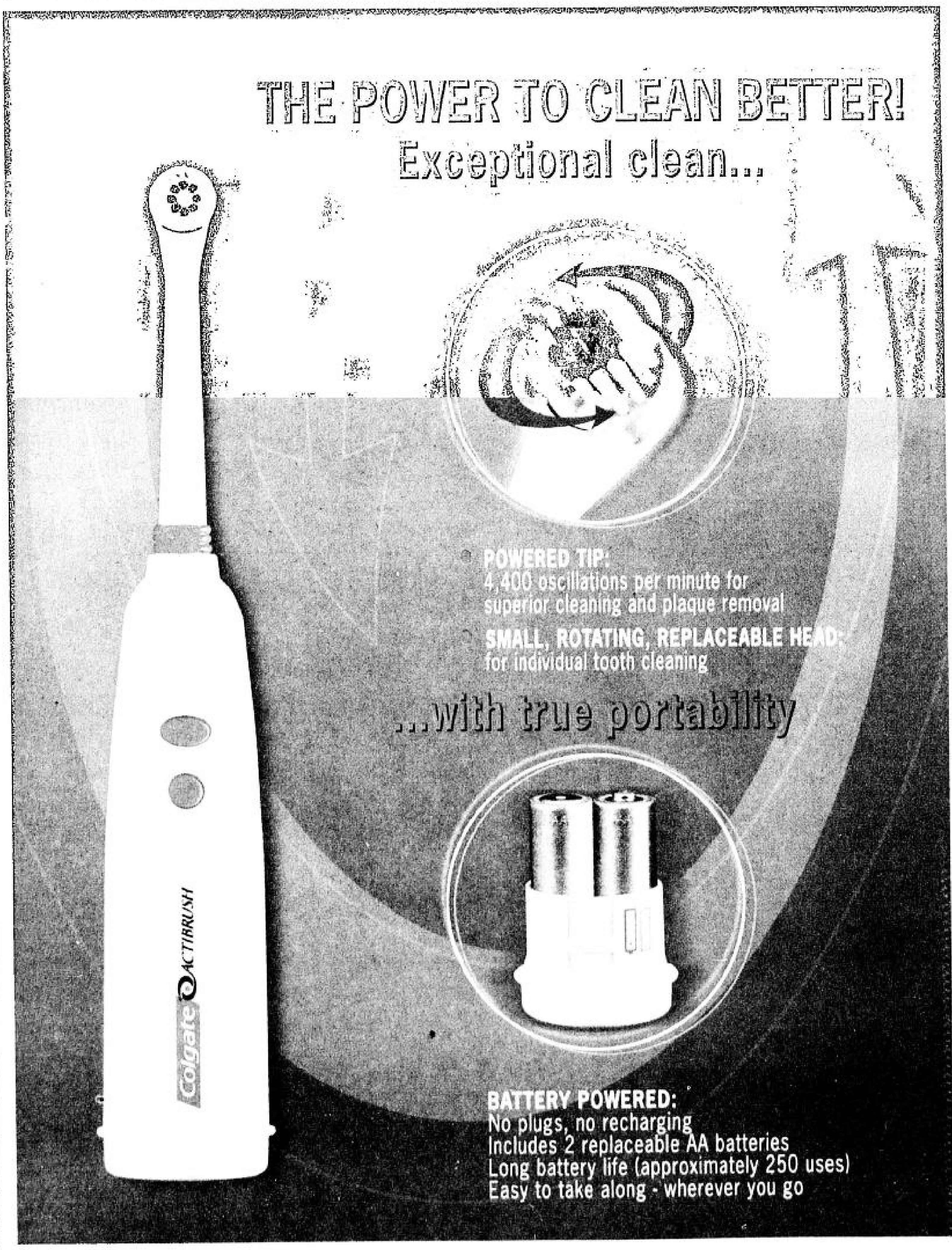

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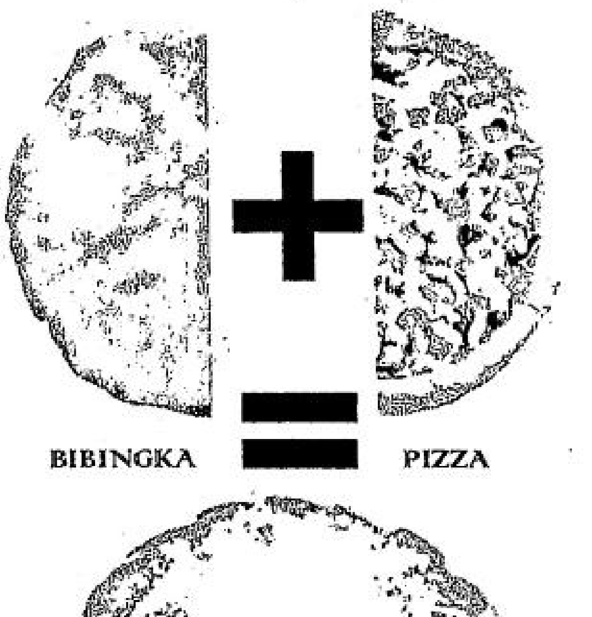

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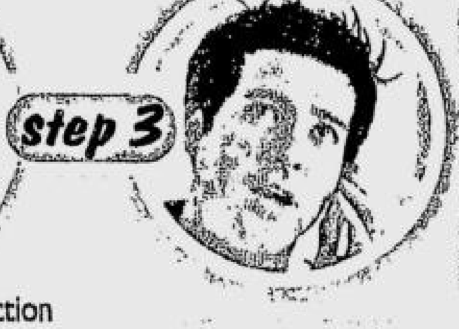

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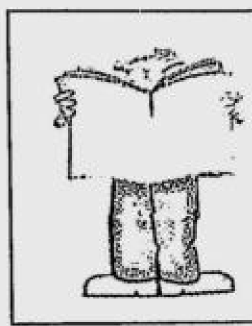

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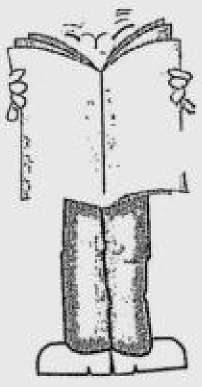

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Responsible for the overall supervision of ISSAD to ensure proper management and security of the Bank's operating systems, operating environment of the database and its related applications.
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- knowledgeable in banking operations
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Qualifications:

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- at least 5 years experience in the supervision of the operations of a cluster of branches
- at least 5 years experience as an officer in charge of branch operations

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Responsible for the supervision of branch Customer Service Officers within a given service area to ensure efficient service delivery, integrity of operations and compliance with bank policies and procedures.
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- at least 2 years experience in the supervision of the operations of a cluster of branches

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Responsible for the supervision of branch accountants within a given service area to ensure adherence to policies, procedures and control measures, integrity of accounts and proper retention/disposition of bank records and reports.
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- graduate of a business course, particularly accounting, preferably a CPA
- at least 5 years experience as an officer in accounting in the head office or branch of a bank
- at least 3 years experience in branch work
- preferably with at least 1 year experience in the supervision of the operations of a cluster of branches

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Qualifications:

- graduate of a business course, preferably accounting
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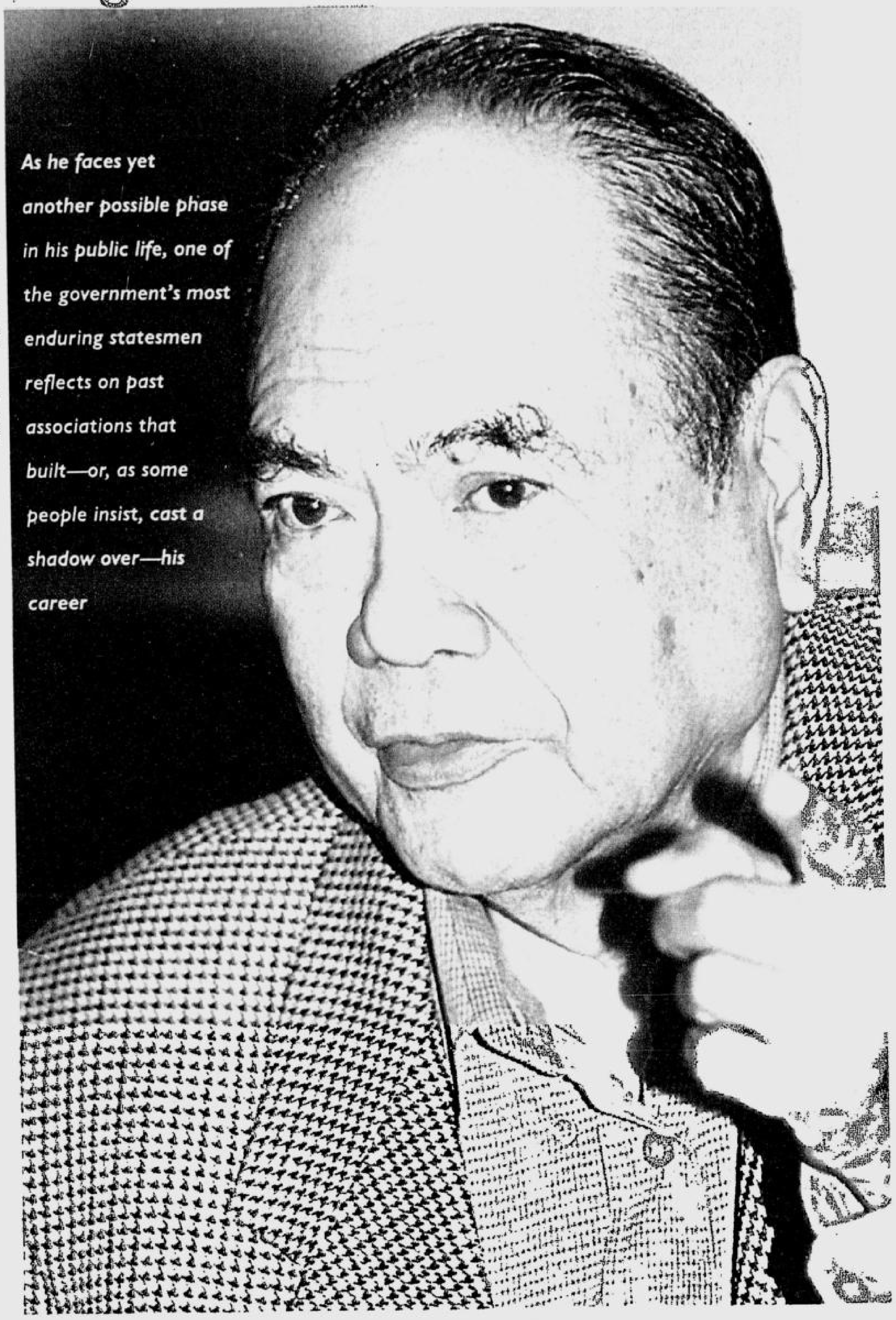
Blas Ople

The Sum of His Pasts



As he faces yet another possible phase in his public life, one of the government's most enduring statesmen reflects on past associations that built—or, as some people insist, cast a shadow over—his career

By Gerry Lirio

THERE are certainly no questions about his cerebral credentials. Senator Blas Ople is an intelligent man, intelligent enough to become the next foreign secretary. He is, in fact, a certified intellectual.

Questions about him lie elsewhere. Like: Why was he always on the wrong side of history, as one writer and close friend quizzically put it? Why should an Estrada partisan be accepted into a government that toppled the former president, though this question may be more appropriately asked of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo herself?

Those who know him don't ask these questions, a close family friend says. They speak of him with natural fondness. Questions come mostly from those who hardly know him, or know him only from a distance, his youngest daughter Toots says. And in many cases, the distance has added disenchantment to the view.

"The main point here," Ople says, "is that I am not seeking the office." He is referring to the top post at the Department of Foreign Affairs, which has reportedly been offered him by government emissaries, but not officially by Malacañang. "It is the other way around. It is highly flattering for me even if some people can't countenance it. That's okay with me. One needs to be pervious."

But it is not that easy to understand that people have grossly different views about the 75-year-old Ople, as if he were a coin with two different sides. The difference is appalling: people looking at him seem worlds apart, whether either side is talking about his present or his past.

Even as a little boy, Ople was full of promise, showing signs that he would go places, according to his childhood buddy Gabriel Morales, now a 75-year-old retired dentist.

He was a voracious reader at a young age, with a tremendous capacity to absorb everything he had read, a gift and a habit that would enhance his natural aptitude in later years. He would read anything under the sun, oftentimes in his family's backyard in Hagonoy, Bulacan. Adrian Cristobal once said that it was probably for Ople that the old image of a young boy sitting on top of a carabao reading Shakespeare was invented.

The boy would later graduate valedictorian of his class, though he came from several public schools in Bulacan. Several, because his family moved from one house to another because of poverty, and possibly because his schooling was interrupted a number of times by the war. It was during the war that his friends conceded that the young Ople was different from all of them.

Morales recalls that while others were frantically running from the Japanese soldiers, Ople, then 17, plodded along because he was carrying a heavy sack of books he refused to leave behind. "He would later say, 'My books were as dear as my life.'" Even after the war, he would carry these books everywhere he went.

His father, a boat-repair man, died without seeing the young Blas go places. Ople found work first as a stevedore in his early 20s, when he was a college dropout; he quit after seeing some of his colleagues getting beaten up at the work place. He would later become a newspaperman; first as a deskman, not as reporter, of the Daily Mirror, because of his remarkable facility in the English language. He went on to become its columnist, later a publicist and then labor secretary.

On his deathbed, Ople's father told the young man to take care of his tools and be proud of these: "There's dignity in labor." The father's parting shot, Toots says, must have been the guiding force behind Marcos' longest-serving labor minister, the sum and substance of Ople's career in public service.

Ironically, this same track record, this long association with the Marcos regime was one of the most controversial highlights of his career.

Ople says it was not that easy working with Marcos. It was not easy talking, arguing, if not fighting, with Marcos from within. "I had experiences of tension at that time," he says. Imelda, for one, never liked him, his daughter Toots says.

In his book titled "Voice of Dissent," Marcos' last foreign minister Arturo Tolentino wrote that Marcos had considered firing him and Ople for criticizing Marcos sometime in 1984. Tolentino indeed left Marcos, but Ople stayed on. An Ople believer theorizes that Marcos kept Ople because he needed someone to engage the President in intellectual discourses.

Ople reportedly brought up with Marcos in one of these discourses the raging street protests against the government, and the fact that these might eventually lead to an "*interregnum*." This sent the Palace factotums scampering in search of a dictionary to check the meaning of the word. Indeed, Ople was said to be one of only two Cabinet men Marcos enjoyed talking to on a wide range of subjects, from the Mindanao crisis to the Israel-Palestine conflict, or from Douglas MacArthur to Ronald Reagan. The other one was the late Carlos P. Romulo, Marcos's longest-serving foreign minister, but by then CPR was too old.

Romulo himself had nothing but praises for Ople, if this were any indication of Ople's fitness to possibly become the next foreign secretary.

In a letter to Ople in September 1983, the quintessential diplomat wrote: "You have risen to where you are now without the academic training that all of us had un-

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Fully booked. Ople in earlier days

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dergone, you have made up your extensive training which is shown in your speeches and the extemporaneous discussions in the Cabinet. I put all this on record for whatever future use you may make when your services are required for leadership of our country."

Unlike his Marcos colleagues who were like a moon without a sun after Marcos had left the country, Ople reemerged in the Aquino administration as a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission.

He was recruited, he says, because he met the criteria set in Proclamation No. 9 signed by President Aquino in creating the commission. The proclamation required that members of the body be men and women of "probity, integrity, nationalism, and patriotism," he says.

It was Ramon Mitra who helped make his entry possible, friend Juan Gatbonton says, stressing that the two were friends. Include Joker Arroyo and Neptali Gonzales in the list, Ople adds.

But save for these people and a few others who acknowledged Ople's experience and expertise in public administration, those who helped overthrow Marcos never liked him, never trusted him. Voters made their feelings clear when they ditched him in the senatorial elections in 1987, in spite of his substantial contributions to the 1987 Charter, which paved the way for the elections. He regained his political career five years later, in May 1992, when he won a Senate seat.

But whatever his critics say, Ople has apparently been working harder than most people think. He is the author of the Labor Code of the Philippines, the bible of all labor organizations. He created practically all the labor institutions now attending to the needs of overseas Filipino workers.

He is certainly one of the country's most influential labor figures, having produced a generation of labor leaders and officials—now collectively called Ople boys—who occupy or have occupied top government posts, Ruben Torres, Patricia Sto. Tomas, Nieves Confesor, Bienvenido Laguesma, Amado "Gat" Inciong, Roy Señeres, Jose Brillantes, among them. Before him, only the late President Ramon Magsaysay and Rafael Salas had gathered such a cohesive group to promote their ideas.

Ople is his own man, a commentary revised more often, ironically by no less than Imelda Marcos during the Marcos regime and lately by Edsa players, to mean that he is a man for himself, having made it from one administration to another.

He had never been charged with any malfeasance or misfeasance, but Ople noted that there are people whose voices are stronger and stranger who simply cannot take him for what he is without associating him with the two ousted presidents. Such links would come his way not as one thing after another, but the same thing over and over and over again.

"A public servant in a democratic society must learn to take criticism in stride," he says. "Throughout a long public life, however, I have found that much of the personal criticism of a public servant is rooted in peer envy and jealousy, as though they have to avenge their own failures and frustrations on a more successful colleague. In such cases, it is right to ignore the critics and let them stew in their own poisoned juices of envy and jealousy."

There were other things in the past that Ople wished to forget. There was this drinking spree with fellow newsmen 'till the wee hours of the morning. He was said to have beaten up the fellow seated next to him all for fun, a drunken man being a poor judge of distance, including the distance between fun and assault. "But I have left all these things behind me. I stopped drinking about 20 years ago," he says.

He has, in fact, left all questions about him behind.

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REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS

Thank you very much for using my piece "Of Belgian Nuns and *Internas*" (SIM, June 9, 2002). Bless you all for fulfilling a dream I've nurtured for years. I have been told it brought back fond and grateful memories to alumni and the ICM sisters who read it. I wish you all continued success, individually and as the collective team behind this magazine.

GINA YLAYA
Ateneo de Manila University

CHEERING FOR THE UAAP

The SIM issue of June 30 was really great. Thanks for the inside story about the UAAP men's basketball teams. I guess Coach Coy Banal was quite right: It is back to basics for FEU Tams, but even if that's the case, I wish them luck and hope the boys will rock.

Please continue featuring UAAP teams and players (especially FEU Tams) and also Cebuano Lhuillier's Jean Marc Pingres Jr.

Thanks for that beautiful feature.

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LOOKING FOR OTHER SPORTS

I notice that you've always been featuring basketball players in your magazine. There is nothing wrong there but I believe that instead of publishing several articles about basketball stars whose careers are largely undistinguished, you should be featuring more local athletes whose lives and accomplishments should be read about by more Filipinos. I'm talking about the likes of Efren "Bata" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Paeng Nepomuceno, Manny Pacquiao, Lydia de Vega, Eugene Torre, Luisito Espinosa, and Dorothy Delasin. The life stories of these people are more worthy of ink and magazine space. I know this is a basketball-crazy country but don't you think your readers should be informed too about other athletes who have actually bestowed pride and honor to the Philippines?

Worse, your June 30 issue featured a battery of articles about collegiate basketball. You chose to do this at a time when the rest of the world (including a good number of Filipinos and foreigners residing in the country) was going ga-ga over the 2002 FIFA World Cup. You could have whipped up some features on the state of Philippine football instead.

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Seaviews

'Twas the earth's womb, back to primordial days—
Boatloads of people seeking new lands—
How could they have withstood the seas,
Unchartered, unpredictable, untamed,
On wooden vessels that meant their life or death?
On a white- and blue-painted iron ship—
Airconditioned cabin with TV and hot shower—
I traced my ancestors' journey,
Tons of memories, occasional seasickness,
Pukes of rice and fish and seawater.
Did they yearn for the moon when everything was dark,
except for the white foam, created by the passage of the boat?
I closed my eyes and
Let the sea wind bring me to a thousand shores...
Did they lose hope when not a land was in sight,
As if the days and nights would be eternally salty and wet?
My sunset view from the topmost deck—
The sun was like a buttered bagel being dipped in julep.
At dusk I had vodka on the rocks with people I just met on the ship.
Did the men get drunk to calm their nerves, and let their women worry overnight?
I pretended I wasn't afraid of the sea, despite its vast darkness,
My soul, kindled by vodka, caressed by gentle rocking, found itself at last.

Tino Pamintuan

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Survivors' Tales

By Chic Fortich

Setting his Sights on Sports

Philippine Sports Commissioner Mike Barredo might have lost his eyesight in an accident but his vision brings new hope to disabled athletes

ON December 7, 1979, there could have been more than the usual number of tipsy people driving home. One of them sideswiped Mike Barredo's car, causing him to swerve and hit another car near the Rizal Memorial Stadium. The impact sent Barredo's car's hood flying, hitting his windshield and raining hundreds of glass particles on his face and eyes. He woke up blind.

Who'd ever imagine that the same sports stadium where Barredo lost part of his future would now restore it to him?

As a commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission, Barredo represents the disabled athletes who are members of the Philippine Sports Association of the Differently-Abled (Philspada). The group has slowly been accumulating medals and honors for the country since the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia. It has distinguished itself as well in the SEA Games and the Asean Games.

Life, Barredo has learned, is not always fair. After the accident some 20 years ago, he recalls being wheeled into the Ospital ng Maynila and mumbling to the attendants: "Don't do anything to me until you call my wife, Barbara, and my parents." After giving them their contact numbers, he fainted again.

A plastic surgeon managed to sew up his facial injuries, but the eye doctor had to take out his right eye because it had been irreparably damaged. He was also warned that the left eye, which was similarly injured but still had some vision, could react sympathetically to the right eye and give up.

Fortunately, Barredo's training in sports at the De La Salle University where he played both soccer and basketball, prepared him for this frustrating and depressing situation. Work became an antidote. "The very next day," his wife Barbara recalls, "he was back on the phone selling cars."

While they were having their house built, Mike had a couple more operations on his left eye, but none was successful. Not long after the house was done, they had to leave for the United States and spent the next year shuttling back and forth between Boston and New York City where his sister, prima ballerina Maniya, was based.

After the third and last operation, he was told that nothing more could be done for his left eye. He and his wife went back to Maniya's place where he had a good cry. It was the last time he would pity himself.

"After that," Barredo recalls, "we focused on giving our two boys a good education and everything else we could afford to give them."

They've done just that. Their older son is now working in Toronto, Canada, and the younger one has just finished college.

Friends, meanwhile, helped him become productive again. The Manila Jaycees set him to work and made him chair a project called "*Pasko sa Enero*"—a concert that involved the distribution of gifts and toys to disadvantaged children while his first cousin, Lea Salonga, sang. Salonga at that time had just finished a successful run of "Annie" onstage."I did six projects for those children that single year," says Barredo. That somehow eased the pain of his being blind because he realized that there were others less fortunate than he was.

Among other blind individuals, Barredo has become a household name, as he was very visible during the first National Convention of the Visually Impaired in 1988. He was also one of the officers of the Philippine Blind Union, and went on to Spain for the international convention of the World Blind Union.

The ladies noticed him too, and maybe he roused their maternal instincts, for foreign women would compete to attend to his needs.

The charm wasn't that visible with his fellow Filipino disabled, however.

Even within the Philippine Blind Union, Barredo is not too popular, some say because of the affectations of his La Sallista American accent.

Maybe it's his penchant for working alone, a habit that had him push the National Library to set up a special section for the blind.

Barredo, a member of the Board of the National Council for Disabled Persons, of the Katipunan ng mga May Kapansanan sa Pilipinas, was also a nominee of the disabled sector's party list.

But one of his finest hours is probably when he finally got the Philspada organized this year with him as president.

Today, he has his sights set on promoting sports among the country's disabled. In fact, most of his energy is focused on 2005, when Manila will host the 23rd Southeast Asian Games and the third Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Games with abilympics and para-games.

He's also hoping that in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, disabled Filipino athletes would be allowed to participate and prove their mettle. Some of the games he has in mind for these athletes are aquatics (swimming and rowing), more track and field events, and equestrian games.

In November this year, the Mindanao Friendship Games will be held in Cagayan de Oro City where sports for the disabled will be featured. It's through these local sporting events that Barredo hopes to attract more regional athletes who may have the potential for national and international games.

He has taken to promoting his cause through the media as well. For the past year and a half, he has been hosting a Sunday afternoon radio program over RMN 558 dzXL with newscaster Jamie Quintos. The show is titled "*Daang Walang Hanggan*" which, Barredo says, is a "soft" translation of "Access Unlimited," in reference to barriers that the disabled hope to hurdle.

Being with Philspada and as a sports commissioner, Barredo believes, can only mean brighter things ahead. Surely, there can be no limit to his vision now.

PRINSIPYONG
GALING PILIPINO

- Ang galing, sa sarili manggagaling.
- Kung ang galing ipamamalas,
  'di ka dadatnan ng malas.
- Hindi kailangang trabaho'y sikat
  upang galing mo'y sumikat.
- Kung paglilingkod sa kapwa ang
  iyong hangarin, kahit maliit na gawa
  ay kahanga-hanga rin.
- Sa lahat ng bagay, todo-bigay!
- Hanep sa hanapbuhay.
- Hangga't 'di sapat, 'di paaawat.
- Anuman ang sumapit, tuloy sa pag-awit.
- May ibang paraan pa sa nakasanayan na.
- Sa trabaho, pati buong mundo saludo.

Ang Galing Pilipino Movement ay isang kilusang nag-uudyok na ating kilalanin at ipagpunyagi ang galing at kakayahan ng Pilipino. Galing at kakayahan 'di lang sa kabuhayan, kundi sa lahat ng larangan. At sa pamamagitan ng mga Prinsipyong Galing Pilipino, maipamamalas ang hakbang tungo sa isang progresibong bansang buo ang loob, buo ang diwa. At nagkakaisa sa paniniwalang: "Ang Galing Mo, Pilipino!"

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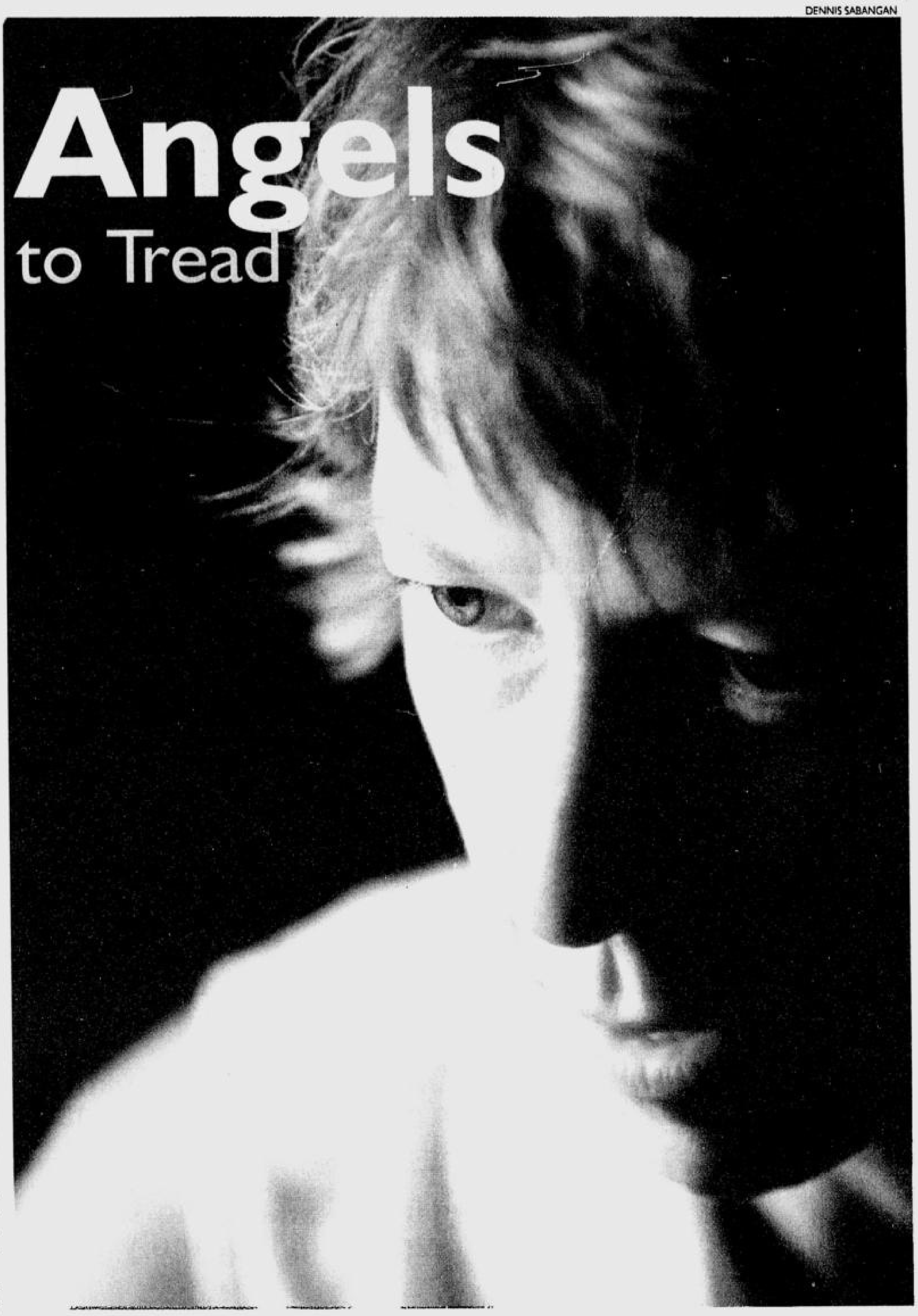
Pinoy Connection

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Going Where Angels Fear to Tread



DENNIS SABANGAN

IT'S a question often asked of people like Christian missionary Martin Burnham who was shot dead while being held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf bandits: Why risk your life doing good in a strange and dangerous place when you can do as well where you are?

Penny Lawrence, head of the Overseas Division of the United Kingdom-based Volunteer Service Organization, has answered the query many times over since she decided to pack for Sudan some 20 years back to teach.

"I certainly felt I had all the benefits of a good education in the UK and I wanted to give something back," reveals this English teacher. "I had a selfish motive as well," she adds. "I wanted to see if the techniques in teaching I use in the UK would also work in a developing country."

Most VSO volunteers are like her, notes Lawrence, who, at 42, is one of the youngest directors of an international development charity and one of the few women at this level. "The best volunteers have this desire to change the world mixed with quite practical and personal reasons. You need a balance of those two, or you'd have unrealistic expectations."

The image of volunteers as dreamy idealists or zealous do-gooders has been turned on its head by recent realities, says VSO's number two official. "Most volunteers are from developed countries because they realize that there's more to life than just making money or having a family. They want to go beyond the corporate culture and share their skills and ideas."

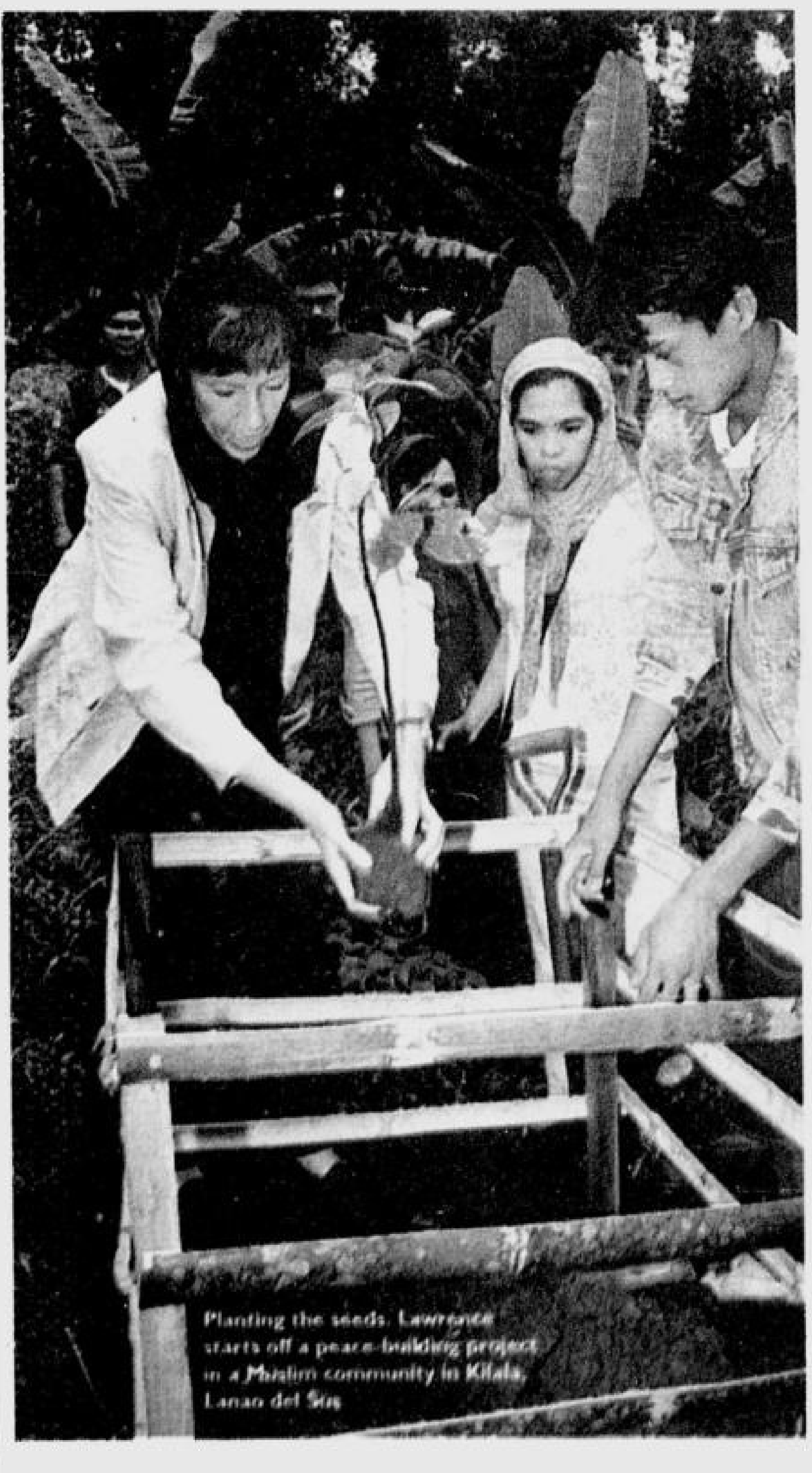
Over the years, she notes, volunteers have become older, with 37 being the average age, although more and more elderly folk come out of retirement to do what they've always wanted to once their children are grown up. "That's why you have people like Mimi, a Canadian in her 60s, who's just arrived in the Philippines and is now in Mindanao training people to counsel evacuees in temporary shelters."

Not just any volunteer is taken in, cautions Lawrence. "Applicants have to be highly qualified and experienced, with the right personal qualities. Traits like being able to work with others, adaptability, flexibility and the ability to share skills are important if they are to do an effective job. About 60 percent of VSO volunteers are women, she notes, "because women are more flexible." Right now, VSO has about 1,700 volunteers overseas from 19 countries, 150 of them from developing nations like the Philippines, Kenya and Uganda.

The VSO targets the poorest countries, "based on the Human Development Index of the United Nations Development Programme," says Lawrence. " Having foreigners come over sometimes helps, she adds, "as it may be harder for some governments to listen to their own people."

The group then looks for local partners—organizations willing to host or manage the volunteer and are involved in any of VSO's six development goals: education, health and social well-being, HIV/AIDS, disability, governance and securing livelihood. Both the local partner and VSO figure out the skills most needed in the area, with the VSO matching these with the skills being offered by its recruits.

"It takes us anywhere from seven weeks to two years to find a match," says Lawrence. "The more specific the skill, the longer it takes us to recruit the right volunteer," she adds, noting that the need for a natural resources management expert in Mindanao took them only seven weeks to fill. It took much longer for a shoemaker to find a local group that can access his skills for livelihood purposes.



Planting the seeds. Lawrence starts off a peace-building project in a Muslim community in Kilala, Lanao del Sur

What spurs foreigners to risk life and limb doing good in a strange country? Penny Lawrence of the Volunteer Service Organization recalls her own experience to explain the impulse

In the Philippines, the VSO started out in 1968 in the education sector. Right now, the group has more than 40 volunteer professionals, most of them in Mindanao and in such fields as natural resource management, gender, disabilities and peace building. The VSO is also involved in projects that benefit refugees caught in the war between government troops and Muslim rebels. Aside from building shelters, its volunteers offer psycho-social counseling for trauma victims and sustainable livelihood for evacuees. Through its local partner Spark, it is involved as well in fair trade and enterprise development. "We want to challenge some of the notions about Mindanao, the poorest area in the country," says Lawrence.

Although volunteers concentrate of capability-building and try to skirt politics, she admits that security risks have become considerable, especially after the September 11 World Trade bombing that linked some terrorists to a few Muslim groups in Mindanao. The Abu Sayyaf kidnappings too have become cause for concern.

"Security is part of our assessment," Lawrence reveals. "We keep our ears to the ground to assess the level of risk acceptable. Of course we always involve the volunteers in decision-making."

Threats from the Al-Qaeda group has forced the VSO to shut down its program in Pakistan as well, she reveals. Elsewhere, in Congo, the Solomon Islands and Zimbabwe, VSO volunteers had to pull out because of the unstable political situation.

More than terrorist threats, a common problem among volunteers is the initial distrust from the local community. "Everywhere in the world, there is always suspicion of outsiders," observes the VSO official. "That's why the soft-skill side of volunteers is so important to us. You have to be able to break down barriers to allow people to see your real motivation."

Cultural misunderstandings abound as well, despite the VSO's pre-departure training that includes learning the language in the host country. "But most of the incidents end in laughter," says Lawrence, recounting how one volunteer once tried her luck in speaking Swahili. "The language training entailed going to the market, buying stuff and cooking it. The volunteer had to buy a kettle with a whistle. She ended up asking for a woman with a whistle. It turns out that the Swahili words for' woman and kettle sound almost the same."

Such minor mishaps aside, "99 percent of volunteers stay on and learn. They only quit for medical or health reasons, or when there's a family emergency back home," says Lawrence. She too has had her share of adjustments to make as a young woman in a job that traditional cultures might see fit only for older men. Aside from dressing appropriately, she cultivates a homey intuitive approach to the volunteers and local partners to smooth out ties. "Fortunately, I am sometimes treated as an honorary man because I'm a foreigner," she says.

Over the years, the face of international volunteering has changed, with developing countries sending their own volunteers to even less developed countries, she notes. "The whole idea is to work alongside another to break down barriers and build solidarity. We've been sending Filipinos overseas for some years now, knowing that they can gain experience from other communities that they can bring back to the Philippines. "

Back home in Europe, volunteers bank on their experiences as well in an effort to make a difference. "The volunteers are trained to challenge structures where inequality is rooted—and that's usually in the UK and other developed countries where policies on trade and tariffs are decided. So they campaign and lobby back home to change such policies," says Lawrence. Six MPs (members of Parliament) are former volunteers, she adds, as are a high profile English lawyer and a journalist.

Even corporations are learning the value of volunteering, she notes, with big companies allowing their staff to take time off for volunteer work and gaining much in the process through increased morale, enhanced skills and a refurbished public image.

"It's a life-changing experience," affirms Lawrence, who has been with the VSO for the past 17 years, "starting from the bottom and working my way up in a zigzag sort of way." The work has not only influenced her career path, it also enabled her to meet her husband, Graham, who is also into development work, she adds.

Her children, it seems, are imbibing their politics as well. "When my son was 7—he's now 12—he wrote to Prime Minister Tony Blair about unfair trade." Her daughter has observed too how much simpler life was in Ghana, "when she could just go to the marketplace and yell, 'Hey I'm new here, can I be friends with you?'"

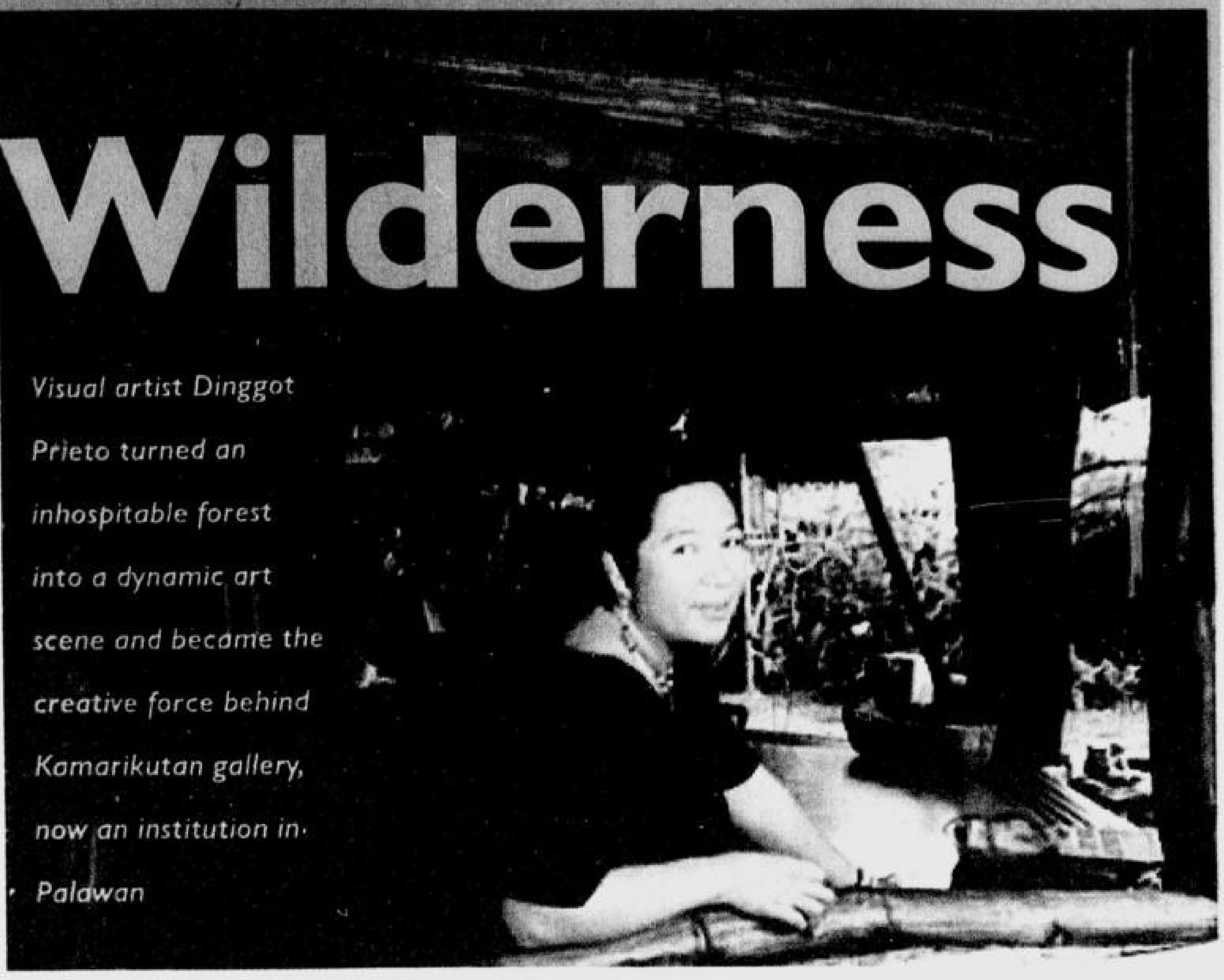
While she finds her work tremendously satisfying "especially when I visit volunteers and partners in situ," Lawrence confesses to dreading the downside of the job: "Occasionally, I have to deal with tragic experiences, like the case of this volunteer in Burundi who was murdered along with 23 others while she was traveling. How do I tell the parents of this young woman that she's dead and was killed for no apparent reason?" Another downer is "dealing with volunteers who feel they have failed," she adds.

But just now she's having a lot of fun. "Oh, I travel a lot," she says. "Last week, I was in the Maldives, then I came over here to the Philippines and traveled to Mindanao and next I'm going to Florida for a holiday."

Already, she confides, she's thinking of going back to volunteer work. "And all that traveling is a secret survey of where I'd like to be assigned next," she says in a conspiratorial whisper.

Artwatch
By Flaudette May V. Datuin

Out of the Wilderness



Visual artist Dinggot Prieto turned an inhospitable forest into a dynamic art scene and became the creative force behind Kamarikutan gallery, now an institution in Palawan

WHEN visual artist Dinggot Prieto was toying with the idea of establishing an art gallery in Puerto Princesa, Palawan in 1986, everybody thought she was crazy. "My husband, Mauro, went, 'What? A gallery in Palawan? You'll cry a river!'" recounts Dinggot.

She was 19 then, and a straggler from Baguio, where her father was an executive of the Benguet Mining Corporation and where she had lived and studied since 1974. "When I first came here, I used to call up my mom crying, 'Ma, I can't stand the place. I've nobody to talk to.' In Baguio at least there was the art scene."

For Dinggot, time seemed to have stood still in Puerto Princesa. "It was the same hog tied to the same coconut tree," she laughs."It was surreal. I couldn't paint, I couldn't write. Nothing! My productivity was zero. And I realized that creativity needs collective consciousness."

Because of her privileged background and family connections, Dinggot had to struggle to come out of the formidable shadows cast by her mother and her husband. From her mom, Angelita "Dayang" Macasaet-Conde (who everybody calls Nanay), she inherited pedigree and a fascinating family history. Her grandfather, Valentin Macasaet, founded a town called Irawan (where the family still lives and farms), home to the indigenous Tagbanuas, with whom her mother stayed as a child and found refuge from the Japanese during the war. Dinggot's husband, Mauro, comes from the prominent Prieto clan and has an equally imposing background.

She recounts, "When I moved here, it was like, `Ah, *anak ka ni* Dayang? *Asawa ka ni* Mauro?' (So you're Dayang's daughter and Mauro's wife). I needed to find my own person."

Building a gallery was a way of doing that. "I called all the shots, from the planning to the construction, and nobody—neither my friends nor my husband—was allowed to see the place while it was being built." Working as an assistant to one of the town's rich businessmen, she managed to scrape up the funds for the place that she knew from the start would extensively use bamboo, a rather unusual building material at that time. "I had to bring in a construction crew from Tarlac to teach the Palawan workers how to work on bamboo," she recalls.

Kamarikutan (which means "wilderness" in Cuyunin, the Palawanon dialect) was finally completed in 1989. The gallery sits on land that's a mere five minutes' walk from the Puerto Princesa airport and was built on family property that, in 1986, was a potholed and overgrown wilderness. Today, it is one of the most important cultural institutions in Palawan —the first and perhaps the only gallery of its kind in the province.

While there are other arts and crafts houses in town, it is Kamarikutan which approximates the conventional art gallery system practiced in the professional art world. It holds regular exhibitions and houses a permanent collection of works in oil, watercolor and the other traditional visual arts media. The gallery earns a percentage from works that are sold and takes care of publicity, storage space and other expenses such as opening cocktails.

But unlike most mainstream galleries in Manila, Kamarikutan also houses a café and restaurant, an innovation which started on a very small scale, as a favor to friends who wanted to have some coffee and conversation after viewing the works on exhibit. One section of the gallery is also devoted to artisanal products like bamboo lamps and bamboo-based furniture produced from the workshop nearby. There are also some bags, food products, books and other items for sale, some brought on consignment and others from Dinggot's travels here and abroad.

Kamarikutan also hosts workshops and activities where local artists and art lovers get exposed to techniques and ideas from outside the island. Points out Dinggot proudly: "We started with workshops on oriental book binding, terracotta, basic painting and batik, with 20 students." To maximize the cost of bringing the artists over, Dinggot organized the first arts festival in Puerto Princesa, if not the whole of Palawan. The last festival was held in April 2001. But what singularly draws artists to Kamarikutan is its unique interiors, built almost entirely of bamboo and nipa, as well as its peaceful, tree-lined compound and lush garden tended by Dinggot's mom, Nanay.

Building Kamarikutan was a protracted struggle for Dinggot, not only because of the inhospitable cultural context, but also because of her personal struggle as a mother. When Kamarikutan was completed in 1989, it did not go into full gear immediately because Dinggot's son, Anito, was going for a series of treatments in the States for a mysterious ailment. "There was no documentation, no information on what Anito was going through. So, I allowed the doctors to study Anito so that other mothers would not go through what I did."

Since they had to leave Palawan several times a year for treatment, Kamarikutan started on a very modest and subdued note, with a solo exhibit by a Dutch woman who has lived in Puerto Princesa for 12 years. Working in a context where the idea of a gallery was still out of place, Dinggot's policy was "not to pursue the audience, but to attract. It was very low-key, and I did not even have a sign outside," she says. In its first year, the gallery had two exhibits, until eventually people got used to the idea of exhibits. "That was when we started having performances and installations, with a little help from some artists from Baguio."

With local interest building up, Dinggot realized the need to pump in fresh ideas from the outside. "Palawan might get tired of us and it would be like stale knowledge going round and round. So I decided to invite people from the outside, to fill in the gaps and at the same time to give exposure to both Palawan artists and the locals. Even if I had nothing to offer them, well, Palawan itself is an offer that's hard to refuse. And maybe they can give something back to the place."

There was a time in recent years, she says, that they had exhibits almost every month to whet the appetite of local patrons and to establish the habit of going to exhibits among locals. Last summer, Dinggot says they were taking it easy in keeping with the country's crises, particularly the Abu Sayyaf kidnappings at Dos Palmas. But now "it's the other way around," Dinggot laughs. "People come up and say, "*wala pa bang* exhibit?"

Dinggot occasionally exhibits her works, but insists that more than her individual output in the gallery, it is her milieu—her gallery, café, the two-room cottage she rents out to travelers and most recently, her hut where she sleeps and holds office - that is her art. "There's no better way to live art than this." Her commitment extends to the environment as well. She recalls that when she first started collecting discarded bamboo and paid for them, "the farmers thought I was crazy. But now they're learning to appreciate it. Later, they also imbibed the habit (of recycling). That's when the fulfillment comes."

Almost 10 years after she "cried a river" for what she felt was a barren creative landscape, Dinggot says that her dream has come a long way. She has struggled to carve a space out of the wilderness and broke ground, on her own terms. *(Women's Feature Service)*

The Artist Abroad
By Luis H. Francia

Doreen's Feast

We were all hearty appetites and fond memories—of Doreen, of festive gatherings, of the warm embrace of folks in mutual recognition of our humanity and mortality

LATE last month, in this city by the Hudson, Doreen Gamboa Fernandez passed away unexpectedly, albeit peacefully, surrounded by a small group of family and friends. Food critic, writer, professor, editor, soul mother to so many, Doreen led a life that was a moveable feast. And one given over to examining feasts, or attempts at such. Not only did she have an astonishing—and quite democratic—palate, she had the knack of distilling it (and "it" could be equally a fern salad or a book of essays) into insights the rest of us could simultaneously understand and get a sense of its larger context. For that she has been lavishly, and justly, lauded.

Perhaps more importantly, what I believe came through unmistakably was her sense of humanity and generosity. And I suspect she also charmed the food that faced her. If foods animate us, as surely they do, then we too must animate foods. I have a feeling each dish competed for Doreen's attention. If they were to be consumed, well then, why not by a consummate critic, someone who could appreciate the journey undertaken, from seed to *sugpo*, from smoked fish to suckling pig, acquiring along the way the peculiar marks of a culture?

Doreen Gamboa Fernandez, 1934-2002

I remember the first time I met Doreen—but "met" is misleading, since on the occasion that comes to mind we never actually met in person. She had rung me up in the early 1980s, wanting to get in touch with José Garcia Villa. At that time, she and Edilberto Alegre were working on their "Writers and Their Milieu" books, and of course an interview with Villa was a must. Having heard that I had studied with the Greenwich Village poet in the 1970s, she wanted to sound me out as to what sort of reception she might get from the famously cantankerous bard who regarded his Village flat as a combination Holy Land and Intramuros. I worried that the lion in Doveglion would bite her head off—which he did if you weren't quick and charming. Needless to say, my fear was groundless; Doreen got her interview. Villa the lion could be a pussycat when dealing with someone lovely and "civilized"—a favorite Villa term. And of course Doreen was lovely and civilized, and in ways abidingly more gracious and generous than the old man. He seemed immovable. She was irresistible.

My last contact with Doreen was, fittingly enough, over the phone. My wife and I had invited her, her sister Della, and Della's daughter Tina to a reading I was going to take part in. Afterwards we wanted to bring them to a small, West Village trattoria I was eager to explore, and I knew Doreen would be the ideal dinner companion. She was looking forward to it. Alas, the morning of that day was when, having difficulty breathing, she had to be rushed to the hospital. It was her final earthly trip.

A week after her death, after a Mass and memorial service on the Upper West Side, the motley crowd of food critics, writers, former students, teachers, artists, family friends and relatives gathered at the Soho restaurant Cendrillon for an epicurean meal. This, everyone agreed, was the best way to honor a fellow traveler, and one of Doreen's favorite New York dining places, with its Filipino and Asian-fusion culinary inventiveness. Run by the Filipino couple Romy Dorotan and Amy Besa (he's the chef, she's the manager) Cendrillon has the kind of relaxed atmosphere that reflects the owners' sense of informality and joie de vivre, something that Doreen displayed abundantly. We were all hearty appetites and fond memories—of Doreen, of festive gatherings, of the warm embrace of folks in mutual recognition of our humanity and mortality. It was a substantial and sumptuous meal, which I won't even attempt to critique. Suffice it to say we plunged into it with gusto, emitting ritualistic groans from time to time. To have refused any of the dishes—from *bibingka* with mushrooms and a cool calamari salad to a surprisingly light cassava cake as dessert—would have been a dereliction of duty and a disappointment to Doreen, who abided by the gustatory tradition of making room for a variety of dishes, without, in her case, ever seeming to put on weight.

We were sad and happy at the same time, bereft because someone dear to all of us had been called to a bigger dinner, but grateful at having our loss transformed, through this wonderful repast, into an outpouring of heartfelt, impromptu reminiscences. One ex-student remembered Doreen's maternal instincts and how she and her friends would call her affectionately, in her absence, "Nanay." Indeed, when Doreen wrote about food, what she really wrote about was life and how vital it was to nourish it. And the meal we had just had was proof of that. If we thought we were celebrating her, she too was celebrating us. How thoughtful of Doreen. How Doreen.

Celebrities

By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes

Photographs by Mike Alquinto

Siren on the Straight Path

IT'S BEEN said before and we'll say it again: Ara Mina isn't your usual sexy star. Her appeal lies exactly where people see it: in her little girl's voice and saccharine dimpled smile, paired with a stunning body. The sweet demeanor doesn't seem like a put-on, and neither is the body a miracle product of science. The seamless combination of naivete for someone as popular as she and almost deadpan regard for the power of her body are rare. That she's managed to keep an even keel on her career and remains one of the most bankable, yet least exploited, stars of our time is a wonder.

"I have no regrets about going bold. It was something I did just to create some noise," she says in Filipino. "When stars like Sharon Stone or Demi Moore go bold, how come they're still respected as artists? Why can't Filipinos think that way, too?" Such expectation would surely mean bust (no pun intended) for other aspiring stars, but it has worked marvelously in Ara's favor.

Maybe it's got something to do with her stage name. Whoever decided that Hazel Reyes, her given name, wouldn't provoke as much desire and fascination should be lauded. "Ara Mina" (a play on the phrase *mina de oro*, or gold mine), is a feng shui freak's dream name. It simply smacks of luck;- in Ara's case, a constant and steady stream of fortune that even the most brazen gossip headlines can't mar.

Most recently, there was the issue of her supposed affair with an equally sexy but married young actor/model. Before that, there was the controversy around her biological father, Congressman Chuck Mathay, from whose mold she is clearly cut (check out the nose and smile), and who, she says, she can easily bond with. "It's like we just took a long vacation and are getting to know each other again. *Lukso ng dugo.* (Blood is really thicker than water.)"

Unlike most other stars who turn to alcohol or drugs to forget their problems, this woman says she doesn't even drink or smoke. Showbiz intrigues she takes with a grain of salt, or a night or two of weeping. "After that, I feel like a load's been lifted off my chest—and all I'm left with are puffy eyes."

No amount of intrigue can ruin Ara's days now. There's her flourishing TV career, highlighted by two regular shows, the early evening soap "*Kung Mawawala Ka,*" and the gag show "Bubble Gang." There's an upcoming movie for Regal with Albert Martinez. Her latest movie, "*Diskarte,*" with Rudy Fernandez, ranked second in the recently-concluded Metro Manila Film Festival. Her singing career will soon be capped by her first try at directing a mini-concert at Virgin Café. "It's better to start small, then eventually move on to bigger venues like Music Museum," she says. And there's her "baby," the "first authentic Italian restaurant on Morato," Osteria Italia.

The sprawling, four-month-old resto is the product of many years of deciding where to invest her hard-earned money. "I've been asked to invest in Zagu, Quickly, water station franchises, but I felt they were all fads, and I wanted something for the long term," she says. After pining for a place like Annabel's for her very own, Ara took the plunge and formed a corporation with some family members and friends from the management of L'Opera Restaurant.

"I conceptualized everything; if I didn't go into acting, I would have been an interior designer," she says. Clearly, Osteria bears Ara's taste—a bit green, but uncompromising nonetheless. There's a mural of mountains and forests leading to an indoor waterfall; a sculpture of a woman that Ara says is supposed to be of herself had she the time to pose, and bricks on the wall. She had the sense to tear down the old structure that was Casa Marcos and leave the shell, reposition the entrance, move the kitchen up from the cellar, and use the skylight to draw attention to the waterfall and mural.

"It's like I gave birth to a different kind of baby," she smiles. "From the tiles to the toilet bowl, I know everything about this restaurant. Even during taping, I'd bring the plans and visit the site everyday. When it was finished, it felt so good. It was a different kind of achievement. In showbiz, the pressure is different—and you can forget the intrigues. Here, I shed blood, sweat and tears." Ara says she dipped into her personal savings to see this project through.

> *Going bold was a career move, Ara Mina says unapologetically. Today, though, more respectable ventures like her very own restaurant and a planned youth foundation have become first on her agenda*

The pressure continues—and not only financially, even if Osteria has gained some regular customers, undergone a change of chefs (both of them Italian), and does extremely well during special days and holidays. "The kitchen staff and management should always communicate well. If they don't cooperate, it's the customer who suffers."

Lip service? Perhaps not. Ara—for all her seeming naivete and lack of formal education—actually possesses a different sort of savvy when it comes to business. Her childhood was far from charmed—and it's honed her well. She also runs a video shop with her sister, Heidi (Ara and Heidi's Video House in Santolan) and, whether talking about that or Osteria, she cannot avoid peppering her sentences with money-conscious statements about the rent, promotions, and going up against the specter of piracy.

"I learned the value of earning my own money early," says this 23-year-old. "Most kids ask their parents for money left and right—they think it comes so easy, ut I never did. I know how hard it is to earn it."

Ara grew up in Marikina, where her mother, Frances Marie K. Pascual (a former movie star herself and the first Eskinol girl) spent her young years as well. "I was a tomboy," Ara remembers. "My Barbie stage was short-lived. I preferred Tex and climbing trees." As a teenager, she also wasn't one to join her *barkada* in sneaking out of the house to go on secret outings or dates. Instead, as she does now, she'd stay home and browse through magazines. The acting bug bit early—as soon as she recognized her mom on old black and white afternoon movies on Channel 9. "I'd get excited when I saw her with other stars, like Dolphy. I'd mimic their dialogue, the way the actors cried. I'd cry and smile in front of a mirror. Which is why even before I entered showbiz, my relatives already called me '*artista*.'"

When she was 14, she decided to audition for "*Ang TV.*" "I fainted because of the crowd. When I woke up, I was already inside the studio, so that was an upside—I didn't have to fall in line!" she laughs. Johnny Manahan gave her a screen test, which she did not pass. Next stop was "That's Entertainment," where her wholesome image was built up, and during which time she figured in family movies like "Shake, Rattle and Roll." While she had her own share of fans, she felt her star wasn't rising like, say, Claudine Baretto's (her batchmate on "*Ang* TV").

"Claudine and I started at the same time," she says, "but she became popular first. I only got noticed when I went bold." Her first bold film, "*Sagad sa Init,*" drew rave reviews. "What I did was the right thing, it was a stepping stone," she adds, unapologetically and without a trace of defiance. "People knew who I was, but it wasn't enough. You've got lots of competition if you're wholesome, and I wasn't being given a break. So I started being conscious of what I needed to do. When the offer came, I took it."

Though she can purr and play sex kitten, Ara is more of a domesticated breed off camera. She stays home as much as she can; plays scrabble and *tong-its* with whoever's in the house at the moment; leafs through Architectural Digest and fan magazines, or, strangely enough, fixes her books until they're in an even, straight line on her shelf. "Would you call that being meticulous?" she muses. Um, more obsessive-compulsive. "I like seeing things in order. Maybe it's the way I look at life also, because the state of your things reflects who you are. It's so unbecoming to see things—women's things, at that—in disarray."

She can't even let a lopsided frame slide. In her restaurant, she straightens them out herself.

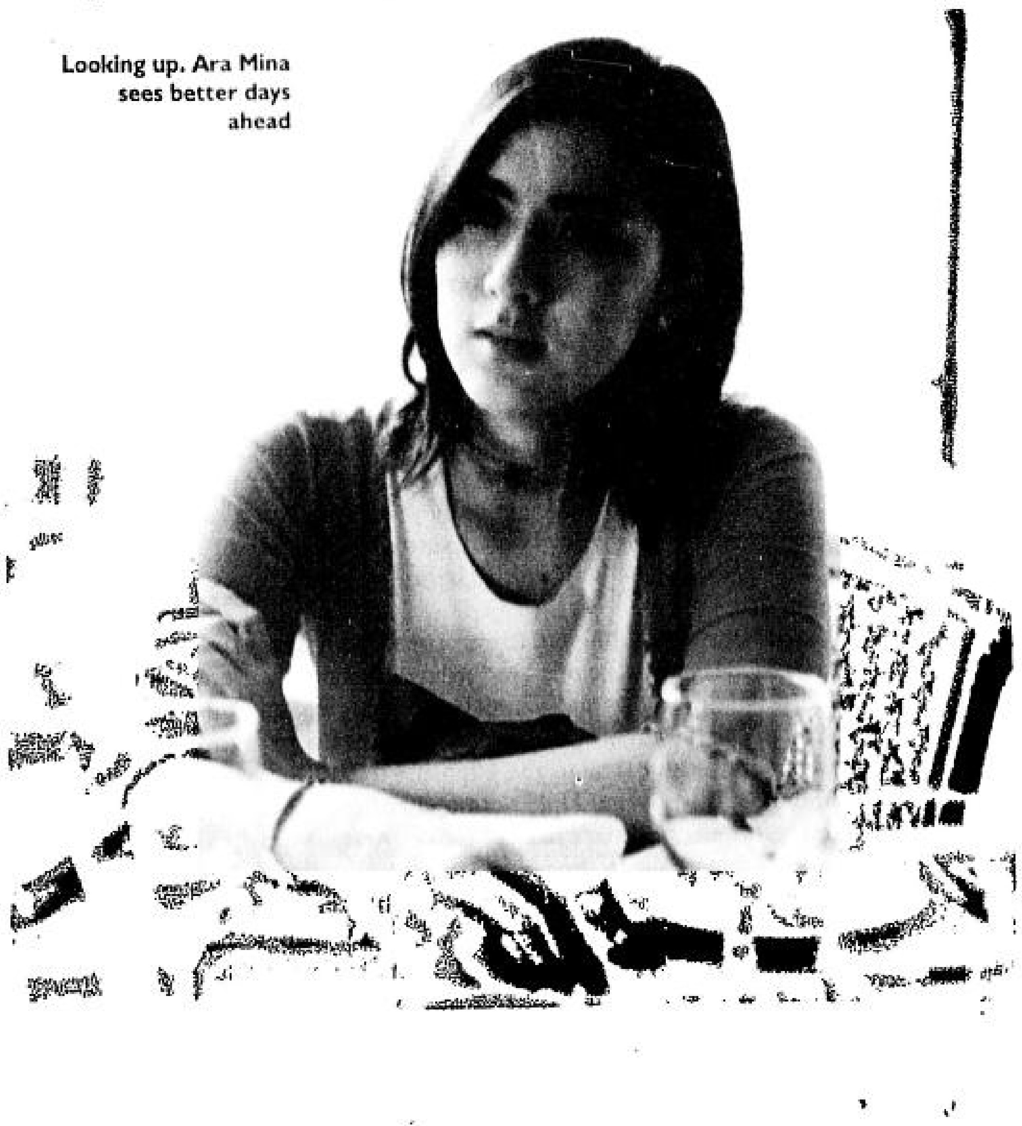
So it isn't any surprise that she doesn't allow family members and friends to get stuck in dire straits, as well. Her generosity has made entertainment headlines—she helped out her half-brother when he got a girlfriend pregnant; her being the breadwinner of the family is common knowledge.

With her youth, star appeal, energy, a soft spot for helping those in need, and blood ties to a congressman, the inevitable question arises: Does she plan to run for office?

She smiles shyly. "Actually, I was offered to run for councilor in 2004. But let's leave the politicking to my dad. I can't handle politics—it's too messy. I have to deal with so many pressures from showbiz and my businesses, why would I want to add to them? I'll just concentrate on what I'm into now and make them grow.

"I can help people without going into politics, like putting up a foundation," she adds. "Actually, I'm thinking of a name for it because I want to register it at the SEC—something for the youth, for infants, streetchildren, wayward teenagers, something that deals with poverty. Something with 'Mina' in it, which means mine. *Mina Ng Kabataan.* Something like that."

Indeed, something more to fill her ever-busy days and keep the sun shining on this golden girl.



Looking up. Ara Mina sees better days ahead

This Week

Art

Treasures at Ayala Museum, an exhibit featuring some of the museum's finest pieces from its archaeological, ethnographic and fine arts collections representing distinct historical epochs spanning prehistory to the present, until July 31 at the old Makati Stock Exchange Building. For details, call 812-1191 to 95 loc. 103.

Recent Paintings by Dante Perez, Roxlee and Dyun Conanan until Aug. 2 at the Blind Tiger Bar and Gallery, 13 Visayas Ave., QC. For details, call 928-1158.

"La Purisima Corazon de Manila" by Leoncio Asuncion

A Confluence of Diverging Views by Six Filipino Artists will have a final pre-departure preview at Gallery 101, 2/L Kaimo Building, 101 Quezon Avenue from July 17-28 featuring the recent works of Hermes Alegre, Fatima Baquiran, Remy Boquiren, Edgar Talusan Fernandez, Caloy Gabuco and Jonathan Olazo. The group is also conducting a portrait session every Saturday afternoon for a limited number of slots. Schedules are as follows: Gallery 101 (July 27, Aug. 10) and in 36 Narra St., South Forbes Park, Makati (July 20, Aug. 3 and 17). For details, call 924-8375.

The **Philippine Association of Printmakers** is holding an exhibit of recent fine prints done in varied printmaking techniques until July 23 at the Ayala Museum art galleries at the old Makati Stock Exchange Building along Ayala Avenue.

The participants of the **Positivism Art** workshop nude painting class will exhibit their works on July 19 until Aug. 19 at the Enterprise Plaza, 1429 Pablo Ocampo St., Barangay San Antonio, Makati City. For inquiries, call 899-6358.

Dulaang UP presents "Oedipus Rex"

Music

The Piano Teachers Guild of the Philippines opens its 30th anniversary with a **concert of Dr. Roberta Rust** on July 21, 5 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Hall, Manila. A three-day master class on July 22, 23 and 24 will follow at the UST Conservatory of Music, UP College of Music and SSC School of Music ending with a workshop on July 28 from 9-4 p.m. at the St. Cecilia's Hall. Tickets priced at P200 with a 50 percent discount for students. For details, call 521-2593.

Cinema

***La niña de tus ojos* (The Apple of Your Eye)**, July 20, 5 p.m. at the Salón de Actos, Instituto Cervantes, 2515 Leon Guinto cor. Estrada Sts., Malate, Manila. A comedy about a company of Spanish moviemakers who leaves Franco's Spain and moves to Hitler's Germany to make a film in co-production. The movie is subtitled in English. For details, call 526-1482 to 85.

Alliance Francaise de Manille Video Club presents ***La Grande Vadrouille* (The Big Runaround)**, a comedy set in World War II, on July 17, 8 p.m. at Alliance Ondeo Auditorium. A story about three British pilots who end up in Nazi-occupied France when the Germans shoot down their aircraft. Housepainter Augustin Bouvet and opera conductor Stanislas Lefort rescue the Englishmen and accompany them on their road to safety. Free admission. For details, call 895-7585.

Onstage

Dulaang UP presents **Oedipus Rex**, a tragedy that explores the basic questions of fate and human action. Under the direction of Anton Juan, the play will be staged in English and in Filipino. Catch the matinee performances at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekends and the evening performances during weekdays at 7 p.m. from July 17 to Aug. 4 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, 2nd Floor Palma Hall, UP Diliman. For booking inquiries, call 926-1349 and 920-5301 loc. 6441.

Dulaang Sibol presents **Hervacio Tubulan** on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Tanghalang Onofre Pagsanghan-Dulaang Sibol, Ateneo High School. Tickets at P120. For details, call 0916-557-9691 or email cmmiv@SoftHome.net.

Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon, a political satire that paints a contemporary and funny portrait of the corrupt Pinoy living the life of happy indifference, mindless irresponsibility and ignorant bliss, July 19, 25, 26, Aug. 1, 2 at 8 p.m.; July 20, 21, 27, 28, Aug. 3 and 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio V. Tolentino. For inquiries, call 8322-3661 or 832-1125 loc. 1620.

"Robotic Face" by Jess Flores at the Ayala Museum

Food

A selection of fresh seafood cooked on the spot in many delicious ways is the hightlight of the daily lunch and dinner buffet at the Coffee Shop of the New World Renaissance Hotel until July 31. For reservations, call 811-6888 ext. 3388.

Enjoy crepes prepared the way you like them at Edsa Shangri-La's Lobby Lounge until July 15. **Crepes a la Minute** offers savory thin pancakes filled with shrimps in dill sauce, ham and cheese sauce or mushrooms with Hollandaise sauce. Sweet crepes come in mangoes and cream with sabayon, apples and raisins with cinnamon sabayon, or bananas and cream with butterscotch filling. For inquiries, call 633-8888 ext. 2738.

Hormel's **Spam** Spiced Ham, together with Figaro Coffee Company, concocted several Spam recipes to add flavor, tradition and nostalgia to **Figaro's** menu. Available now at Figaro's full menu stores for breakfast, lunch, merienda and dinner are Spam Alfredo, Spam Croque, Spam Benedict, Spam Salad Cones, Spam ala King and Spam Bakes. Check Figaro's website at www.figarocoffee.com.

Experience the wonders of the culinary expertise of Chef Stefan Farkas as he whips up a wide array of delectable dishes from around the world at Manila Galleria Suites' Raphael Café-Restaurant's **International Buffet** until July 21. For reservations, call 633-7111 ext. 7416.

Atbp

The Sinag Arts Studio is holding a **Costume and Makeup Workshop** on July 20-21, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. To be included in the discussion of costume are materials, measurement, costing, alterations, design and repair. For makeup, topics include skin care, aging techniques and animal studies. The **Nature of Sound and Acoustics Seminar** will be on July 16, 18 and 19. To be discussed are nature of sound, how it is produced, acoustical considerations in a certain space, acoustic treatment and an overview on sound equipment. The Sinag Arts Studio is located at 664 San Ignacio St., Mandaluyong City. For registration, call 531-3491.

Cat and dog aficionados are invited to the **Rainin' Cats & Dog, Adopt a Dog Adopt a Cat** for the benefit of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society, July 20, 3 p.m. at the South Court and Garden Area, Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City. Activities include Dog Specialty Show, Dog Hairstyles and Grooming Demo, Cats and Dogs Parade, Celebrity Cats and Dogs Fashion Show and the PinoyPet.com launch.

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs Inc. (PSYSC) invites all elementary and high school science clubs to join the **science clubbing movement**. PSYSC conducts annual interactive workshops, science camps and field trips to promote public understanding of science, technology and environment. Affiliation is ongoing until Sept. 30. For details, call 920-9561 or email psysc@vasia.com.

Caterers, restaurateurs and others planning to start or manage a catering business are invited by ProActive Center for Training to a **Managing a Catering Business Seminar** on July 15-24, 1-5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, Quezon City. For inquiries, call 787-6370 or 0919-5500601.

There will be a **Hands-on Introductory Course on Polyester Resin** (figurine making, fiberglass, stained glass, lamination, excapsulation and synthetic granite) on July 18-20. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

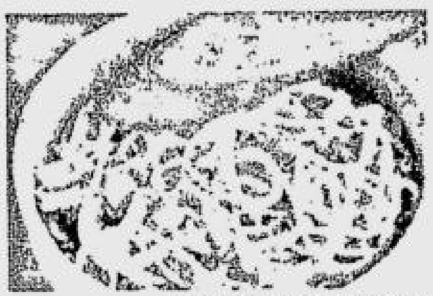
The Philippine Board on Books for Young People celebrates the **National Children's Book Day** with the following events at the Museo Pambata: July 16—Opening ceremonies and exhibit launch of selected illustrations from Nick Joaquin's Pop Stories for Groovy Kids, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Karapatan Hall. July 17—Thai author and publisher Porn-anong Niyomka conducts a lecture on Thai and Japanese children's books, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Multi-Purpose Hall. Registration is required for interested participants. For details, call Noreen at 523-1797 to 98.

The Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines will hold **basic photo workshops** on July 20-21 and 27-28 at the Tanghalang Manuel Conde, Cultural Center of the Philippines. The workshop includes discussions/presentations on digital imaging, art of visual language, wedding video, photojournalism, archiving, portraiture, wedding, advertising, travel, festival and figure photography. For inquiries, call 801-3786 or 0917-3994437.

The **Philippine Center for Process Studies** is now open. An affiliate of the Center for Process Studies in Claremont, California, the Center offers the latest and most number of available reference materials on the field of process studies in philosophy and theology in the country. It is located at San Carlos Graduate School of Theology Building, San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex in Guadalupe, Makati City and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. For inquiries, call 895-8855 loc. 201.

Outlet Yard, the newest mall located at 1480 Quezon Avenue, brings art to one and all through **Art Strokes**, an art workshop within the mall featuring painting in pastel, oil, watercolor, mixed media, charcoal drawing and crafts. The workshop is open to children and adults every Saturday and Sunday, 2-5 p.m. On-site registration of participants starts at 1 p.m. For details, call 740-7221.

All choirs are invited to join the **Florilege Vocal de Tours for a First Production Work.** Works to be submitted, either unpublished or recently published, must have been written in 2002. Performance should result from a plan joining a composer with a choir. Practising the work with the author's cooperation will be compulsory and may have been first performed within six months before June 2003. Detailed information and photocopies of the competition brochure are available for free at the Music Division of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (tel. 832-2314 or 832-1125 loc. 1605).



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Petron Corp. announces the start of its second **ArtPetron National Student Art Competition** with the theme "*Lumang Galing, Bagong Sining*," highlighting the arts and crafts of the country. Participating students should capture on canvass any indigenous skill or craft practised for more than 25 years, preferably in one's hometown or community. Submission of entries is until Aug. 5. For inquiries, call 895-3971 or 896-5315.

The **Athena Review Center** announces that its last review class before the Aug. 3 and 4 UPCAT will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. of July 20, 21, 27, and 28 at the Seamed-Innotech along Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. For details, 740-0608 and 640-3833. Also, Beat the UPCAT! The Ultimate UPCAT Reviewer, the 100-page plus book based on a thorough research of the logic and system of the UPCAT. is available in all leading bookstores nationwide for P248.

Communicate and understand your child better. Psych-Consult, Inc. will host a series of monthly **Workshops on Parenting**. The first session begins on July 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Unit 227 Regalia Park Towers, 150 P. Tuazon Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City. Parents and care providers working with children and teenagers are invited. For inquiries, call Evelyn at 421-2469 or email psychconsult@edsamail.com.ph.

Go on a cultural treasure hunt at the Cultural Center of the Philippines as the CCP Shop goes on a **clearance sale** until July 31. Vintage issues of cultural journals, CDs, rare coffeetable books, unique gift items and selected CCP publications are on sale with discounts of up to 50 percent. Also available are CCP Encyclopedia for Philippine Arts in both hard cover and CD-ROM editions, CCP Sarswela Series, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra CD and the Kuwadro Documentary Series featuring five of the country's National Artists on VCD—Francisco Arcellana (Literature); Daisy H. Avellana (Theater); Leonor Orosa Goguingco (Dance); Jose Maceda (music) and Lucio San Pedro (Music). The CCP Shop is located at the Little Theater lobby of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Roxas, Boulevard. For details, call 832-3878 and 832-1125 loc. 1804.

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Pinto Art Gallery offers comprehensive, intensive and hands-on art classes in **Basic Drawing and Painting** for children and adults. Learn methods on how to draw and paint from visual artist Rolando Acuña. Classes to be held every Saturday starting July 20. Workshop fee is P3,000. Registration ongoing. For details, call 697-1015 or visit Pinto Art Gallery, 1 Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City.

There will be a **seminar on Know Your Fortune** on July 20, 3-5 p.m. at 55 First Road Quezon Hill, Baguio City. For details, call (074)445-5935 or email jyotibgo@bgo.csi.com.ph

The Carlos O. Cojuangco Foundation recently announced the winning entry of the Name-the-Art Center contest launched in Negros Occidental. The winning entry, ***Balay Taliambong***, a Hiligaynon term which means "art house," was sent by Dr. Cecilia Locsin-Nava. The Balay Taliambong: The Cojuangco Museum and Art Center aims to promote art and cultural awareness among the communities in the province of Negros and other neighboring provinces.

Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

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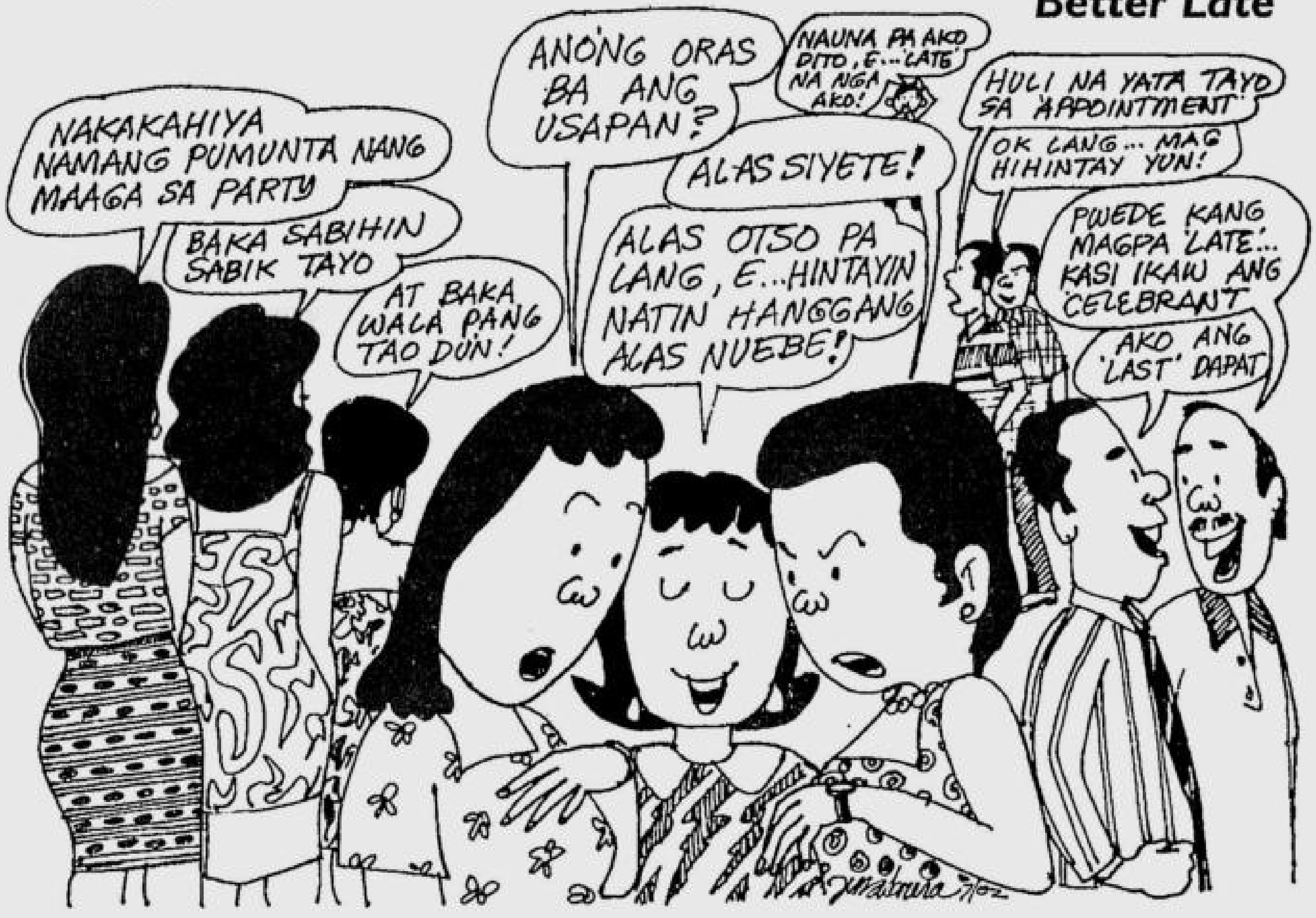
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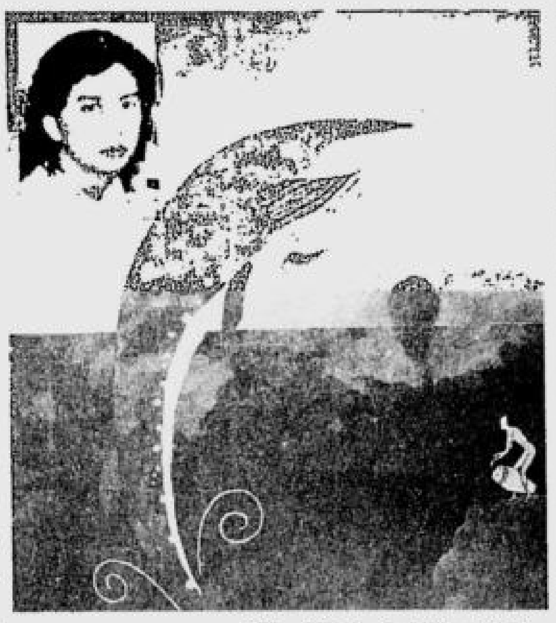
Poetry in Pictures

Artist Maita Beltran recently ended two years of quiet with her 9th one-woman exhibit, "Songs from the Soul." Inspired by an exercise on poetry writing from the book "The Artist Inside" by Tom Crockett, Beltran wrote her own "Power Song," successfully interpreted it on canvas, and proceeded to invite friends to do the same. Needless to say, the joyful, stream-of-consciousness visualizations poured in. Aside from her very own "In Search of a Well-Worn T-Shirt," rendered in Beltran's colorful and almost naif style, several other works by Beltran's friends found visual expression. "I became a vouyeur of their souls because these pieces mirrored the kind of universe each person lives in." "Songs from the Soul" runs until July 20 at Le Souffle at the Fort.



"Blue Whale Aria" by Maita Beltran (inset)

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